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At the Builders Congress?

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CANNERY, FIELD UNIONS FOR CIO: STRIKE SOLID

Nazis Mass Navy Around Spain in Major Threat of War

DEFY WARNING OF ENGLAND AND FRANCE

New Italian Troops Reported Landed At Malaga

LONDON — In the wake of their denunciation of the four-power accord and their demands for complete liberty to attack the Spanish Republic, both Germany and Italy are massing their war machine in and around Spain.

Their action constituted a threat of imminent wholesale attack on Spain and was the most serious threat of general war since the beginning of the Spanish fascist uprising and invasion.

Hitler's government sent a fleet of war ships from the Portuguese Coast to the Mediterranean coast of Spain despite a joint warning from France and England that any belligerent action would be regarded with "utmost gravity."

Italian Troops Landed
Authoritative reports from Gibraltar said that 15,000 new Italian troops had been landed at Malaga on June 12.

Only the arrival of Loyalist planes, according to dispatches from Barcelona, forestalled an attempt of an Italian warship to halt a British merchantman along the Catalan coast, in Spanish territorial waters.

Italy, following up its action along with Nazi Germany in withdrawing from the international "control" scheme, provocatively announced that it will keep an Italian naval fleet in Spanish waters.

Despite the pretended purpose "to protect Italian shipping," diplomatic sources from Rome itself indicated that the Italian ships would regularly signal the so-called "Spanish rebel" warships on the movements of Loyalist crafts. It was revealed further that Italy in this and other matters is acting under a secret agreement with Nazi Germany.

Berlin Warned
The British warning to Hitler was understood to have been conveyed through Sir Neville Henderson, British ambassador to Berlin, and to have been turned aside by Foreign Minister Konstantin von Neurath as "unnecessary" on the contention that Germany intended to confine itself to remaining out of the "neutrality patrol." This was followed immediately by the demonstrative dispatch of the German fleet from Lisbon.

From Spain itself came reports of one of the most extensive air battles of the entire war, being fought by approximately 200 Loyalist planes against 100 fascist planes in the area between Huesca and Zaragoza.

'Forgotten Men' Meet in Alliance Natl. Convention

MILWAUKEE — Representing the great mass of the nation's unemployed who live on the margin of starvation and get kicked around by politicians, delegates poured into Milwaukee from every corner of America to attend the third annual convention of the Workers Alliance.

From Entire Nation
From the deep south, the east coast and the far west they came by car, bus, train—some paying, some thumbing their way or riding the rods. As the convention came to order, some thousand-odd delegates of America's 10,000,000 unemployed were on hand to begin dealing with the many serious problems of the jobless.

David Lasser, national president, stated upon his arrival in Milwaukee: "The convention will be extremely important from the standpoint of the 10,000,000 unemployed who are being pushed into a crisis by reduction of WPA rolls. It is quite probable the convention will not only take action to get improved relief conditions, but will strike out for a social security program which will give jobs in private industry and result in sharing the abundance and lifting the purchasing power among the one-third of workers of the nation President Roosevelt has spoken about."

Seamen Voting on Nat'l Unity Meet

SAN FRANCISCO—With balloting of the ILA up and down the coast, and the Cooks and Firemen on CIO affiliation nearing a close, the Marine Cooks and Stewards this week began their referendum on the question of a national unity convention of seamen. The Inland Boatmen also began voting on this question this week; the Marine Firemen had begun their voting the week before.

The balloting follows the call of the National Maritime Union of the East and Gulf Coasts for a national unity convention, to be held in San Francisco some time in August.

Maritime Federation, Bay Area Council, has accepted the invitation to send delegates to the July 19-23 convention of the NMU in New York. All district councils have received similar invitations. The Bay Area Council endorsed the NMU convention over the opposition of Carl Tillman of the Sailors.

FRUIT TRUCKERS STRIKE LOS ANGELES—A strike of 200 members of the Produce Truck Drivers Union brought out pickets before the California Fruit Growers Exchange

OHIO UNIONS READY FOR 2ND GENERAL STRIKE

Great Show of Labor Strength Supports Steel Walkout

WARREN, O. — The one-day Trumbull County general strike, in which 13 factories in Warren and six in Niles were closed, and 2000 WPA workers struck, in sympathy with Republic steel strikers, has ended, but the unions, AFL and CIO, are standing by for a second general strike if need be.

Solidarity of all unions behind the CIO steel strikers was stiffened by the reiteration by Tom Girdler, Republic Steel Corp. chairman, before the Senate postoffice committee that his company would not sign an agreement with the CIO.

(The postoffice committee is investigating the post office department's recent refusal to deliver food parcels to scabs in Ohio mills.)

Steel bosses walked out on the federal mediators Thursday.

State troops continue to patrol this area, with bayonets drawn and tear gas bombs set.

The strikers and their allies, 15,000 strong, last Wednesday faced the armed troops squarely for hours in the greatest demonstration ever seen here. By dint of arms the state troopers were finally able to disperse the unionists.

The great demonstration was in protest against issuance of an injunction banning picketing of the Republic mills.

The demonstrators were driven back inch by inch, as guardsmen pressed their bayonets into the workers.

The Federal Mediation Board headed by Charles P. Taft, continued to find independent steel companies obstinate in their refusal to sign agreements with the CIO unions.

News Guild Ousted Illegally, San Diego

SAN DIEGO—In defiance of constitution and parliamentary law, officers of the Central Labor Council expelled the News-Guild Wednesday night, without permitting a vote on the question. Progressive delegates, out in full force and numbering a majority, made numerous unsuccessful efforts to force a vote. All motions including appeals to the floor, and attempts to adjourn were ignored.

Ed Dowell, AFL organizer for (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

The Cyclone



I. L. A. HAILS USSR FLYERS

ILA Local 38-79 greeted the flyers this week through the Soviet Consulate here. Signed by President Henry Schmidt and Recording Secretary A. L. McCurdy, the greeting expressed the hope that the flight "will establish a more friendly understanding between the workers of the U. S. A. and the workers of the USSR."

The flyers, Chkalov, Baidukov and Bellakov, are to be received by Pres. Roosevelt in Washington.

'Proudest Sitdowners You Have Ever Seen'

Selby Smeltermen Have Everything in Smoothest Running Order

PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—Eleven hundred CIO members closed the American Smelting and Refining plant here in a sitdown strike Wednesday, demanding collective bargaining elections.

SELBY—Employers submitted a settlement proposal to smelter sitdowners Thursday. They were to vote on it Friday.

SELBY (Contra Costa County)—While the 600 workers of the American Smelting and Refining Co. stick solid in their sitdown strike, background of the strike, as told by a leading member of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union reveals a long-standing list of grievances on the part of the employees.

Portland Meet Cheers Eastern Representatives

PORTLAND, Ore.—ILA members will get all work on American Mail Line ships in British Columbia ports, the Maritime Federation convention has decided. The convention passed a resolution for an 8-hour day for the Marine Cooks and Stewards.

Remember — the bigger the Congress, the better will the "Western" be able to advance in becoming a mass organ for California's workers and farmers!

VALLEY STRIKES WON
EL CENTRO—A strike of hay baling crews ended with granting of a 5 cents a ton increase. Operators of packing shed pre-cooling machines won a 20 cents an hour increase after a short strike.

Yolo, C. Costa Pickets Defy Terror Gangs

Pickets on Yolo, Cannery Locals in Solano County Highway S.F., Santa Clara Favor CIO Tie

RICHMOND (Contra Costa County)—A mass picket line of over 400 workers met the Filice and Perrelli Canning Co. attempt Wednesday to run three bus loads of scabs into the struck plant. Six arrested pickets are held for trial next week.

It was the second clash, provoked by the company, within 24 hours. The day before, Tony Mazzaro, nephew of Ralph Filice, in a display of bestiality deliberately drove his touring car through the pickets, injuring Mrs. Florence Snelling, Cannery Workers Union president, and Minnie Cook, union financial secretary.

Union Office Was Raided
Mrs. Snelling, her leg fractured, may have to remain in the hospital for six weeks or more.

Union leaders charge that 'Bot Moore, Oakland ILA Warehousemen's business agent, arrested Tuesday, was kidnapped by police when they raided union headquarters.

High school children are being used to scab.

A food kitchen has been set up. Funds and food are needed, to be sent to 268 6th St., Richmond (Cannery union office.)

WINTERS (Yolo County)—In the face of a big army of armed deputies, Yolo and Solano County apricot pickers, striking under CIO leadership, continue to maintain solid picketing.

Solano County supervisors moved fast to aid the growers, adopting a special anticamping ordinance in an attempt to keep pickers off the highways.

Five ranches have signed contracts with the CIO agricultural workers' union.

Five arrested pickets are still held in Yolo County jail, and 11 others have been given suspended sentences and ordered to leave Winters.

STOCKTON—AFL organizer Roland B. Watson, "hero" of scores of labor splits, has threatened the San Joaquin County Labor Council with "reorganization" if the Council continues to refuse to seat company-union cannery delegates.

Senate to Debate High Court Bill

WASHINGTON — Debate on the President's Supreme Court reform bill is expected to begin in the Senate the week starting June 28.

Reactionary leaders of the opposition to the court reform have informed administration floor leader Senator Robinson that they plan an indefinite filibuster to obstruct the bill's passage. Even a compromise increasing the size of the court by only a few members is threatened with a filibuster.

LOOKS LIKE CO. UNION
HOLLYWOOD — Paramount and other studios are fostering the organization of an "independent" office workers union, to forestall real organization.

'Bloor-Whitney Month' in July

Communist Party Pays Tribute to Two Famous American Women

From the days of Molly Pitcher and Betsey Ross, America's women have had fighting, revolutionary traditions of struggle for the bettering of conditions for the people.

Party of California will do honor to the two outstanding women who today in America carry forward these fighting traditions: Mother Ella Reeve Bloor, renowned for 50 years in labor struggles, who will celebrate her 75th birthday on July 18, and California's own Anita Whitney, C. P. State Chairman, who will celebrate her 70th birthday on July 7.

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L. A. OVER THE TOP IN SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

Telegrams tell the story in the Western Worker Circulation Drive!

The California State Committee, Communist Party, received the following wire from the Los Angeles C. P. Organizer:

"JUNE 22 ONE THOUSAND ONE SUBS STOP OVER THE TOP STOP LOS ANGELES WINS PLEASE INFORM SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY STOP

"PAUL CLINE."

Frank Spector, San Francisco C. P. Organizer, wired back to Comrade Cline:

"WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT STOP THE DRIVE IS NOT OVER STOP WE CHALLENGE YOU TO THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE ABOVE QUOTA BY JULY 10TH STOP

"FRANK SPECTOR."

And that isn't all—Santa Barbara has wired in that it has topped its quota, and challenges the league-leading Alameda County to achieve the highest per cent under the respective quotas.

An Historic Event

It looks more and more like the Press Builders' Congress, which will take place in Los Angeles the week-end of July 17 and 18, will be an historic event

C. P. State Committee Congratulates L. A.

Your telegram of victory in the Western Worker Drive has been received. In the name of the California State Committee, we are extremely happy to extend to the Los Angeles County Committee, to every section, unit, and member of the Party in Los Angeles, our most hearty congratulations on the successful fulfillment of your Western Worker Circulation quota.

We feel certain that this growing consciousness among the membership of Los Angeles of the need to use the Party press in the day to day work of our Party will go a long way in further extending the influence of the Western Worker, and will also help to strengthen the Party among the hundreds of new people who are getting our paper for the first time. We feel certain also, that the enthusiasm developed around the Western Worker Drive will be maintained, and that we will get even greater results in the coming period in the building of our Party and the circulation of the Western Worker.

We call upon the Los Angeles membership not to stop their good work. The gains made so far should be used to involve every single member in the Circulation Drive. You can then, with the help of each member, get hundreds of additional subscribers and go over the top in the Drive. In this manner, Los Angeles can truly come to the Press Builders Congress on July 17th and 18th, feeling that they have carried through a difficult task in a true Bolshevik spirit.

Comradely yours,
ANITA WHITNEY, State Chairman.
WM. SCHNEIDERMAN, State Secretary.

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BILBAO, YOU SHALL BE AVENGED! IS CRY THROUGH SPAIN; BASQUES STILL HOLD IMPORTANT AREAS

Government Continues Advance on Central
And Aragon Fronts; Victory There Will
Bring Counter-Offensive in Basque

By TED ALLAN

The fall of Bilbao is a hollow victory. From a military point of view it in no way changes the course of the war.

But the reaction throughout Spain is like that of a lion being smacked on the tail. It roars in anger and surprise, and vove betide those nearby! Internationally the fascists may make a new bid for recognition, but the world, in spite of its tolerance of the farce of non-intervention, can see only one thing rising out of the ashes of Bilbao—the soul of the people battling against overwhelming odds to preserve its liberty.

LINCOLN BOY TO TALK AT L. A. JULY 4

Major Lord, Mike
Gold, Pellman at
Youth Rally

LOS ANGELES — A soldier from the Abraham Lincoln Battalion who has been sent home because of his wounds, will speak at the Independence Day Youth Rally of the Young Communist League at the Sons of Herman Hall 25th Street and Main, on Friday, July 2, at 8 p.m.

Major Lord to Speak

Major Frank Lord, America's War Ace (through the courtesy of the North American Committee), Michael Gold, famous American writer, and Matt Pellman, President of the Young Communist League of Southern California will be the principal speakers.

The Contemporary Theater will present a short one-act play, "No Pasaran." (They Shall Not Pass.)

Guillermo Arcos, world's foremost guitarist will play. "The Miracle of Madrid," a moving picture revealing how Franco and his fascist hordes were repulsed at the very gates of Madrid.

Dancing and other entertainment will conclude the rally. Over 1000 young people of Los Angeles are expected to attend.

Mayor's Aide is Accused of Graft

SAN FRANCISCO — Maurice Raphael, executive secretary to Mayor Angelo Rossi, was for the second time accused of complicity in the graft ring under investigation here by the grand jury.

Captain Arthur Layne cited a series of encounters with Raphael in connection with raids of gambling houses, and stated his belief that Raphael was the backer of a notorious Turk Street gambling house.

Raphael earlier was cited as the participant in a "tapped telephone" conversation with Peter McDonough, operator of the bail bond business around which the investigation is centering.

Although Raphael issued a blanket denial of all charges, he made no offer to appear before the grand jury himself. He is scheduled to be called.

Layne cited a series of raids dating as far back as 1920. On one occasion he reported arresting Raphael in a gambling hall. In another he found records showing that Raphael had placed election bets totaling \$15,000. In 1933, after a raid at 32 Turk Street, he was called to Mayor Rossi's office where Raphael lauded Jimmy Ryan, owner of the establishment, as an "upright man." Raphael was asserted the backer of Ryan.

GET YOUR COUNTY OVER THE TOP IN SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE!

Intense socialist competition in the Western Worker Circulation Drive is shown in these latest standings, as of June 23, last:

County	Quota	Received	% Quota	Yet to Go
Subs				
ALAMEDA	250	285	114.0	
LOS ANGELES	1000	1004	100.4	
San Francisco	600	534	89.0	66
San Bernardino	40	30	75.0	10
Santa Barbara	50	37	74.0	13
San Mateo	50	32	64.0	18
Contra Costa	55	32	58.2	23
Monterey	35	19	54.3	16
Bakersfield	20	10	50.0	10
Merced	25	11	44.0	14
Fresno	25	11	44.0	14
Sacramento	75	32	42.6	43
San Diego	100	25	25.0	75
Tulare	20	5	25.0	15
Imperial	25	6	24.0	19
Santa Clara	50	9	18.0	41
Sonoma	40	4	10.0	36
Stockton	20	2	10.0	18
Fort Bragg	25	1	4.0	24
Totals	2500	2089	83.6	
Yet to Go		411	16.4	
Quota		2500	100.00	



WOMEN AND children, some of the many residents of the Spanish city of Jaen, who have been living for weeks in caves in the nearby hills because of the fascist air raids, which spare neither young nor old, women nor children in barbarousness.

News Guild Ousted Illegally, San Diego

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San Pedro, assumed the chair, replacing President J. W. Brown, and as the meeting opened he ordered the conductor to escort the Guild delegates from the hall. This followed the reading of a telegram from Wm. Green demanding the expulsion.

Beef Squad Acts
Conductor Lee Gregovich, president of the Cooks' union, refused to carry out the order without a vote of the Council. Dowell then appointed Pat Nolan of the Laborers' Rock of the Butchers and a Teamsters' delegate, members of a beef squad previously organized by Secretary Lydick and Louie Mehl, to oust the Guild delegates. Dressed for the occasion in old clothes, they advanced toward the Guilders with their hands over blackjacks sticking from their pockets. Observing an agreement among progressives not to allow bloodshed, the Guilders then arose and left the hall. A dozen delegates spontaneously left with them while the majority remained to fight the issue out.

The reactionary front sagged badly later in the meeting when a reactionary delegate was expelled and conservative "Sparky" Adams of the Postal Clerks resigned from the Council in protest against the terroristic tactics. Reactionary delegates abandoned their usual practice of sitting together and instead were carefully placed behind progressive leaders, in accordance with the decisions of a meeting held in a hotel room close by the Labor Temple earlier in the evening. The meeting, organized by Lydick and Mehl to form a beef squad, was attended by several building trades delegates.

Following ejection of the Guild members, delegate Stock of the Retail Clerks moved to file Green's telegram and declare the previous action illegal. A score of seconds were shouted but Dowell refused the motion. During this flurry Bill Coffey, Laborers' delegate, yelled, "All right, let 'em have it!" but no action followed.

Progressive strength was first demonstrated when a motion to seat new delegates from the Office Workers Union carried against reactionary opposition. Stanley Gue, deputy labor commissioner and ace red-baiter, declared he had been illegally removed as a delegate by the Office Workers Union, but by a majority vote he was ordered from the hall.

C. H. Garrigues, editor of the Labor Leader, was among the new Office Worker delegates and Dowell defied the previous Council vote by ordering him from the hall because of his membership in the Newspaper Guild.

Dowell relinquished the chair to President Brown, whose first action was a refusal to accept a motion that editor Garrigues be seated. As the hectic meeting continued, Harry Steinmetz, former President of the Council, moved that all action taken while the elected chairman was out of the chair, be declared illegal. His motion was ruled out of order and an appeal to the floor was denied.

Daisy Lee Worcester, Teachers' delegate, moved that Secretary Lydick be instructed to read all communications concerning the business of the Council. It was ruled out of order, but an appeal to the floor was allowed. Mrs. Worcester was upheld 58 to 46.

Following adjournment of the Council meeting a progressive caucus, attended by 30 delegates, was held at the Longshoremen's hall. According to reports, CIO unions have applied for an industrial council charter and all progressive locals will be invited to send fraternal delegates.

STRIKEBREAKER OUT
SALINAS—City Manager Barlogio has removed Police Chief George Griffin, notorious for his vigilante leadership in the lettuce strike last fall.

OVER 2000 IN DEMONSTRATION IN TORRANCE AGAINST COURTS STRIKEBREAKING; 1000 MARCH

Speakers From CIO and AFL Unions at
Huge Mass Meeting; Hit Courts' Actions
Against Laundry Strikers

TORRANCE (L. A. County)—"The most successful union demonstration that I've ever seen"—that is how the recent mass CIO meeting in Torrance protesting the use of the courts as a strike-breaking weapon and supporting the Torrance Laundry Workers' strike against the Torrance laundry, was described by Pat Comorre, local Steel Workers' organizing committee representative and chairman of the meeting.

Fully 2000 enthusiastic CIO workers from the southland gathered here to demonstrate their strength, register their protest, and support the strike of Torrance laundry workers. Speakers from the SWOC, the ILA, the Teachers' Union, the Dairy Workers' Union, and the United Rubber Workers' Union spoke as representatives of their respective unions, the CIO and as workers vitally interested in the high-handed court methods which have been used to break strikes in this area.

1000 in Parade
After the meeting at least 1000 persons paraded around the town on foot, while being accompanied by a motor brigade.

The men converged around the Torrance Laundry Company in a temporary picket line to show their solidarity with the Torrance laundry workers. About 1200 people attended a dance that night, whose proceeds were delivered to the strike fund.

The speakers at the demonstration were Pat Comorre, Ken Hunter, field representative of the SWOC, Feder, secretary of the San Pedro local of the ILA; Lee Geyer of the Teachers' Union local; Charles Steele, Columbia Steel Lodge No. 1414; E. H. Kope, Dairy Workers' Union; and George Roberts, international representative of the United Rubber Workers' Union.

The strike against the Torrance Laundry Company is being conducted by Laundry Workers' Local No. 35, of which Mike Schulman is financial secretary. The discharge of six men for union activities caused the strike.

Thus far the strike is at a standstill. The employers had submitted a plan which would restate all but three of the demands. This was rejected by the union, which wants all those discharged to be put back to work without discrimination. The company has already agreed to give the men a union shop.

"Bloor-Whitney Month" in July

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of Anita's Whitney's life—has been set for achievement during July.

Symbol of '76 Traditions
Anita Whitney's life is a history of long service in the cause of progress and against reaction, a symbol of the revolutionary traditions of the American people.

She was born 70 years ago in San Francisco, of a long line of American ancestry dating back before the historic year of 1776. Her mother was for years treasurer of the California Chapter of the Colonial Dames of America, and her father was at one time a State Senator.

After graduating from Wellesley College in 1899, Anita Whitney taught in private schools, and then for seven years was a social service worker in Oakland. She was Alameda County's first Juvenile Probation Officer.

Charter C. P. Member
For several years, she was vice-president of the National Women's Suffrage Assn., taking a leading role in the fight to gain women the right to vote. For one year, she served as president of the Northern California Assn. of University Women.

In 1912, Comrade Whitney became a member of the Socialist Party and in 1919 joined the Communist Labor Party, as the C. P. was first known.

In 1919 she was a victim of the infamous anti-labor California Criminal Syndicalism Act, being railroaded to prison, but so great were the mass protests in her behalf that she served only a few days in Alameda County Jail and then was out on bail while the case was appealed. Finally, in 1926, mass pressure forced a pardon.

In 1928 she was Communist candidate for the U. S. Senate, and in 1934 polled 100,800 votes for State Controller. In the 1936 elections, she was candidate for Congress in the 5th District, San Francisco.

Send Greetings!
Banquets in San Francisco, Alameda county and Los Angeles will honor this great American woman during July, and will feature recruiting of new women comrades to carry on the people's struggles in which Anita Whitney has distinguished herself throughout her life. The San Francisco banquet will take place Saturday, July 10, at 121 Haight St.

Workers and organizations are urged to send birthday greetings to Comrade Whitney for July 7.

Picket Banquet For Mussolini's Envoy in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO—An effective picket line of 25 at the Elks Club Thursday night made things uncomfortable for Fulvio Savich, Mussolini's ambassador to the U. S., who was being banqueted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Pickets bore signs pointing out the murderous acts of Italian fascism in Ethiopia and Spain and demanding withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain. Someone upstairs attempted to provoke trouble, throwing firecrackers.

"We're Proudest Sitdowners You Have Ever Seen"

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slavedriving inhuman devil if ever there was one, was placed over a crew of men who had previously made up their minds not to work for him," says the Western Worker's informant.

As soon as this foreman was placed over the crew, they sat down. Soon four other departments joined the sitdown, in sympathy. The company then called a meeting, lasting an hour in which it agreed to settle the situation within 48 hours, and work was resumed.

That night, the union meeting passed a motion demanding removal of the slavedriving foreman "from all supervising capacity over our personnel, and the company was given until 4 p. m. the next day to answer."

The company, next morning, tried to slip one over. At 12:45 it attempted to ship out a truckload of gold and silver concentrate, not yet processed (the company planned to send the shipment East for further processing).

The truck was stopped by the union members and a sitdown strike of the entire plant called.

The union allowed certain jobs to continue, to show the public that the union men were desirous of keeping the plant in perfect condition and safe from all possible damage.

The company ignored the 4 p. m. deadline completely. The union was forced to call the strike.

Perfect Discipline
The sitdown has perfect discipline. The strikers have set up nine posts, with heat and electric lights at every post. There are radios and magazines at every post.

"We have a system just like the company," boasts the union member, "every man sits in his 8-hour shift and leaves his post only when relieved."

The Ladies' Auxiliary is cooking meals, and each post is being supplied with hot food at meal time. Immediately after meal time all dishes are removed by special duty men and washed, ready for the next shift.

"We are the proudest sitdowners you ever heard of, because everything runs so smoothly and agreeably," states the Western's informant.

The union, incidentally, is negotiating for a new contract, because the Wagner Law invalidates the old agreement, since it was an agreement with the "employees" instead of the union.

In the new agreement the union seeks a \$1.73 daily raise throughout the plant, closed shop, two weeks' vacation with pay.

Chautemps Heads French Cabinet

PARIS—Faced with the virtual exhaustion of the 450 million dollar franc stabilization fund as a result of speculation and shipment of gold by wealthy financiers, a new cabinet headed by Camille Chautemps is seeking a solution to an impending monetary crisis.

Having provoked this crisis the "20 families" through conservative majority in the senate, refused to grant to the Leon Blum government the power to deal with it by emergency decrees and thus continued their campaign of obstruction to discredit the People's Front.

Decisions on finance policy awaited the arrival of Georges Bonnet, who was recalled as American ambassador to become minister of finance.

The new cabinet is composed of 23 members of the Socialist and Radical Socialist Parties, including former Premier Leon Blum.

Auto Men Take a Walk on Huybrecht

OAKLAND—When Paul Huybrecht, Machinists International representative called a meeting of Fisher Body workers here Wednesday night, about 600 men came, but all but a few walked out on him when Huybrecht announced he was out to set up a dual union as against the CIO United Automobile Workers.

Huybrecht put the charter back in his pocket, and left without a further word.

Huybrecht tried the same trick in the Ford plant in Richmond, when the UAW had that factory on strike recently.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO. PULLS ANOTHER "FAST ONE" ON RATES FOR LIGHT

Reduction in Rates, Long Promised, is of
Benefit Only for Large-Scale Consumers in San Bernardino Area

How the Southern California Edison Co. has pulled another "fast one" on the consuming public is revealed in a letter from a Yucaipa (San Bernardino County) reader of the Western Worker. The letter follows:

"Editor Western Worker,
"121 Haight St.,
"San Francisco, Cal.

"The company has an established rate of 53c per K. W., which is three times the rate of any municipal plant for lighting service. I might mention the city of Seattle delivers juice to the consumers' meters for 34c per K. W.

"However, the Edison Co. has been shouting for some time past that a vast reduction in rates would become effective June 1st, and lo and behold, if it is not for the benefit of the rich as usual, and means nothing to the working class whatsoever.

"It figures something like this: If you use 50 K. W., your bill is \$2.65 per month and there is no reduction, but should you use 100 K. W. per month and your bill is \$5.03, then you get a reduction of 13c.

"Isn't that sweet?
"Just another demonstration as to why we need a Farmer-Labor party.

"And this outfit has the crust to send out a circular stating that this reduction is in conformity with their established policy of frequent rate reductions to further the use of electricity.

"Very few working people can afford \$5 per month for electricity."

L. A. City Council Cuts Light Rates After Pressure

LOS ANGELES—Spurred on by a resolution from the League of Women Voters, the city council last Tuesday, June 22, unanimously adopted an ordinance affecting lower electric light rates, both inside the city and adjoining territory.

According to city estimates, the lowering of rates will reduce income of the Bureau of Power and Light by approximately \$1,250,000. Despite his sitting in council for over an hour, chief Engineer Scattergood was not called upon by councilmen.

Said Parley Parker Christian: "It is certainly a pleasure to see this council go on record to reduce rates," and then proceeded to introduce a motion to set a license tax on all metropolitan newspapers. The motion was lost.

S.F. Picketers Hit Slash in WPA

SAN FRANCISCO — Again picketing the regional offices of the WPA at 681 Market Street, representatives of WPA union on Thursday called on Linton Smith, direct representative in the West of Harry Hopkins, and presented a resolution demanding that the administration carry out the present WPA program without any cuts in personnel.

The resolution pointed out that Congress has left the disbursement of the one billion and a half WPA appropriation in the hands of the President and that it is entirely within his power to spend that appropriation without cuts and upon its exhaustion to demand a further appropriation from Congress.

Smith agreed to forward the resolution to President Roosevelt. Harry Hopkins and the Senate and to the House of Representatives.

The committee also protested the contemplated cuts to Mrs. Isham, regional director of Women's and Professional Project of the WPA. Mrs. Isham admitted that in her division the contemplated cuts are arbitrary and mandatory.

Twenty thousand persons are to be laid off the WPA in California within the next two months, according to present plans. The white collar projects are to be particularly hard hit.

Auto Men Take a Walk on Huybrecht

OAKLAND—When Paul Huybrecht, Machinists International representative called a meeting of Fisher Body workers here Wednesday night, about 600 men came, but all but a few walked out on him when Huybrecht announced he was out to set up a dual union as against the CIO United Automobile Workers.

Huybrecht put the charter back in his pocket, and left without a further word.

Huybrecht tried the same trick in the Ford plant in Richmond, when the UAW had that factory on strike recently.

Auto Men Take a Walk on Huybrecht

OAKLAND—Visited by a delegation of 75 Workers Alliance members and Federal Writers project employees, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday sent telegrams to representatives in Washington, protesting WPA cuts.

HEARINGS HAVE SHOWN GUILT OF DOUGLAS CO.

Company Union Met
Right on Aircraft
Firm's Promises

LOS ANGELES — When the National Labor Relations Board began its investigation into the labor policies of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, during the recent sitdown strike, the question was to determine whether or not there had been discrimination against the workers for Prior to the strike he had before the board is merely to determine how much discrimination there has been.

Although Donald Douglas, president of the corporation, agreed a day before the March sitdown in 1936 not to discharge workers for union participation, it was brought out in the testimony that many employees were fired for this very reason after Douglas's statement to the contrary.

It was revealed at the hearings that E. P. Blair, an employee of the corporation, agreed a day before the March sitdown in 1936 not to discharge workers for union participation, it was brought out in the testimony that many employees were fired for this very reason after Douglas's statement to the contrary.

Rollin McNitt is the board's examiner; H. W. Elliott represents the company as its attorney; J. J. Ford represents the Aircraft Workers' Union, the company union; Ralph Seward is the board's attorney; and Marshall Ross is local No. 214, aircraft division of the United Automobile Workers' Association.

Douglas Trick Shown
The proceedings have revealed that even though Douglas had promised to reinstate all but 38 of the 4000 indicted for taking part in the sitdown, strikers were brought into the plant and that "loyal" workers were shifted into other jobs in order to displace the strikers.

After refusing to reinstate the workers, Douglas then turned around and said that he could not recognize the union as the bargaining agent of these discharged workers because they weren't working in his plant at the present time.

Where Co. Union Met
Charles Hamilton, tool and die worker in Division 39 stated that at various occasions the members of the Aircraft Workers' Union, the company union, were given permission to hold meetings on company time and that these men were paid for their full time.

Hamilton also pointed out that Supervisor Ford of his division had placed membership blanks for the company union on the work desks of each of the men in his division. It was also proven that elections and campaigns of the company union were carried on during the working hours in the plant without any interference by the company's officials.

Hamilton said that when he was elected to a high office in the company union, Ford high-handedly "declared" a new election.

To Picket State WPA Office

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 800 WPA workers and other opponents of the current slashes in WPA employment voted last Wednesday night to picket the WPA state office at 10 a. m. Saturday where resolutions will be presented protesting the cuts.

The meeting was called by a "Save WPA Committee" consisting of representatives from various San Francisco projects and spokesmen of the Workers' Alliance and the Clerical and Professional Projects Association.

Protest against the reduction of WPA employment was voiced by such spokesmen as Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson; Pat Lydon, acting regional director of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee; James Garrison, executive board member of the Workers' Alliance; Peter Frye, president of the Clerical and Professional Projects Association; Joseph Murray, president of the News Vendors' Union of the AFL; Bib Tolins, Epic leader, and William Watts, recently discharged Federal Theater Projects director.

L. A. CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES INVESTIGATING POWER SLUSH FUND IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION

Kindig Hints at Collusion Between Power Firm and City's Representatives In Purchase of Company

LOS ANGELES—Acting on a resolution presented by Councilman Will H. Kindig, the city council has authorized an investigation into a contribution by the Los Angeles Gas and Electric corporation of \$45,000 to the Municipal Light and Power Defense League.

Unity Committee Formed Within British Labor

LONDON—Formation of a Labor Unity Committee within the Labor Party was announced here by Sir Stafford Cripps. The committee is composed entirely by Labor Party members who belonged to the former Unity Campaign Committee which included members of the Communist and Independent Labor Parties.

The earlier committee officially dissolved itself when the Labor Party executive announced that the Labor Party members belonging to it would be expelled if they did not drop their joint activities.

After its inception on January 24, the Unity Campaign won the support of forty thousand Labor Party and trade union pledge signatories as well as of important trade unions.

The Communist Party officially refrained from sending representatives to a mass meeting called to launch the new unity movement within the Labor Party, deciding "unanimously with the other supporters of the Unity Campaign to take no action which would play into the hands of those who wish to disrupt unity or lead to splits within the labor movement."

The Communist Party statement continued: "We pledge ourselves and call on our membership to give full support to the Labor Unity Committee, consisting of supporters of unity within the Labor Party, and trade unions, to give full support to the Labor Unity Committee, its demonstrations, campaigns and press. At the same time we shall carry forward our campaign for unity with greater enthusiasm and determination than ever."

Probe Nazi Acts In Hollywood

LOS ANGELES—Investigation was begun last Monday, June 21, by the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League into a flaming swastika which appeared in the Hollywood Hills last Friday night. Elaine Hellinger, executive secretary of the League announced, "Definitely a fascist outburst," she characterized the incident. "The group behind the swastika demonstration should be exposed," she added.

Shaw Regrets
The Swastika which was made of oil and rags, burned for nearly an hour in the hills near King's Road and Franklin Avenue, before firemen could extinguish it. Local Nazis held a meeting a week ago at the Deutches Haus attended by approximately 200 people. Chief speakers on the program were Hermann Schwinn, local Nazi leader, Doctor K. Burckhardt, and Captain Charles McLaughlin, brother of Victor McLaughlin, film actor and openly pro-fascist.

Mavor Frank L. Shaw, invited to attend, sent a telegram expressing his regrets that he could not be present.

The local consul from Venezuela appeared at the meeting, denounced workers' movements in his own country, urged the "death penalty for Communists" in Venezuela.

AFL-CIO Join in Detroit Election

DETROIT—The CIO and the AFL here have joined forces behind pro-labor candidates for municipal office.

Fusion candidates for mayor and six council positions have been endorsed. Among council candidates is Richard T. Frankenstein, director of the CIO-United Automobile Workers Union.

ARTA ASKS RECOGNITION
LOS ANGELES—The American Radio Telegraphists Association, local No. 32, has filed a request for Postal Telegraph recognition in this area, announced C. H. Jordan, secretary of the local union.

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WITH VICTORIES over two of New York City's subways behind him, Pres. Michael J. Quill of the Transport Workers Union has opened a drive to organize 35,000 New York taxicab drivers. The Transport Workers Unit, with over 10,000 members, recently affiliated with the CIO.

Senate to Vote On Recommended Anti-Lynch Bill

WASHINGTON—The Wagner-Nyus anti-lynching bill is now before the Senate, favorably recommended by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Southern Senators will fight the bill, but it stands a good chance of passage.

Borah Opposes
The Wagner-Nyus Bill would levy a fine on counties from which a lynch victim is abducted, but not on the county in which the lynching occurs, unless it occurs in the county in which the victim is seized. Senators Borah, Idaho, Connally, Tex., and Pittman, Nev., were the 3 out of 16 committee members who voted against the bill.

French Electors Reject Doriot

PARIS—The French people showed anew their adherence to the People's Front, in the midst of the confusion created by the conservative senate's action bringing about the fall of the Blum cabinet.

Jacques Doriot, renegade from the Communist Party and fascist collaborator with de la Rocque, was decisively defeated by a Communist candidate in a municipal bye-election in St. Denis.

His decisive defeat, after action had been taken against him for corruption in municipal administration, resulted also in his resignation from his seat in the Chamber of Deputies.

Labor Board Gold Mine Hearings on

(See Page 8 for Other Details)
GRASS VALLEY—Labor Board hearings on the gold mining industry of California were opened promptly at 10 a. m. Monday, June 20th here. This is the first hearing on the gold industry in this state and grows out of charges filed by Twin Cities Miner's Union, Local 283, of M.M.&S.W. against the Idaho-Maryland Mining Company on account of a lock-out of about 80 miners at the old Brunswick mine of this corporation.

A prior case of this kind has just ended at Juneau, Alaska. After many months on strike, and the filing of charges, the workers have gained favorable decisions, including the payment of wages for time lost that in most cases, averaged better than \$500.00.

In the Grass Valley-Nevada City district hearings, corporation counsel, Edgar Zook, objected to the proceedings on the grounds that his company was not engaged in interstate commerce. This objection was overruled by the trial examiner, Mr. Patrick H. McNally.

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TOM MOONEY TO TAKE CASE TO HIGH COURT

Vindicated Three Times, He States; In San Quentin

Tom Mooney, world famous labor prisoner, on being returned to San Quentin Prison today after a twenty-one month stay in San Francisco County Jail pending determination of his petition for a writ of habeas corpus, had the following statement to make:

"In going back to San Quentin where I have spent eighteen years of a crime of which I am entirely innocent, I am certain that it will not be for long. My case is now in the California Supreme Court on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus. While we expect an adverse decision from this court which has consistently refused to do justice, we will appeal immediately to the United States Supreme Court, at whose hands I firmly expect freedom and vindication.

"We are waiting for the decision of the California Supreme Court and hope it will come very soon so we can prepare the case for the United States Supreme Court's Fall term.

Four Times Vindicated
"I sincerely wish that the California Supreme Court would consider my case fearlessly and impartially, for then I would be freed by it. That would only be agreeing with Judge Franklin Griffin, who originally sentenced me and then became one of the strongest advocates of my pardon when the perjured and fabricated case against me was exposed.

"It would also be agreeing with the United States Government, which three times investigated the Mooney case, and three times concluded I was the victim of perjury, hysteria, and was denied a fair trial.

"But if we are required to, we will go to the nation's highest court. I firmly expect the United States Supreme Court will find all my charges of frame-up are true, and will free me to enjoy the few years remaining to me. The labor movement is pushing forward with renewed vigor on all sides. That, if nothing else, is the token that will mark and insure my freedom."

Call for Defeat Of Dies Measure

NEW YORK—In a "Statement of Fact" issued here, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born declares that certain changes must be made in the deportation bill, H. R. 6391, introduced by Martin C. Dies, of Texas, passed by the House of Representatives last week and now before the United States Senate. The American Committee states that every effort must be made to strike from H. R. 6391 the entire first section, which menaces the rights of American labor.

(In its statement, the American Committee says, in part: "H. R. 6391, as passed by the House of Representatives, would put in the hands of reactionary elements powerful weapons which could be used in attacks against the American labor movement. If a choice must be made between the passage of this bill as it stands and its defeat, it should be defeated by all means.")

The objectionable provisions in H. R. 6391 are those under which non-citizen workers could be deported if convicted of minor crimes and "sentenced to an institution," or if convicted of "carrying or possessing firearms," whether or not any sentence has been served. The American Committee requests that letters and telegrams be sent to all Senators requesting that H. R. 6391 be amended or defeated.

Auto Mechanics on Strike, Long Beach

LONG BEACH—Fighting for basic demands of a 40-hour week, \$1 per hour and union conditions, 400 auto mechanics are on strike here against 21 dealers in new cars. Militant picket lines are being maintained.

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PARAGUAYANS DEFY ORDERS OF PRESIDENT

Refuse to Evacuate The Gran Chaco Region

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina—Paraguayans troops have refused to retire from their position in the Gran Chaco region, object of the war between Bolivia and Paraguay which was settled by a truce.

Troops were acting over the head of President Raphael Franco of Paraguay, who attempted to persuade them to accept the result of negotiations carried on subsequent to the truce which brought the fighting to a close. Franco became the head of the government because of his immense popularity with the troops, which enabled him to carry out a putsch to head the government.

Repudiated by the forces which were formerly his prime support, Franco turned over to the Chaco peace conference meeting here the problem of how the Paraguayan troops were to be "persuaded" to evacuate the region.

The war over the oil-bearing region, despite the national differences by which the soldiers were induced to fight, represented a conflict between British and American imperialism. British capital gave support to Paraguay and American capital to Bolivia, both in an effort to secure major concessions in the Chaco in disregard of the interests of either of the countries.

Catholic Schools In Bavaria are Closed by Nazis

BERLIN—Nazi Germany pressed forward its campaign against the Catholic Church by closing all the Catholic schools in Bavaria, a state in which the majority of the people are Catholics.

Immediately afterward the notorious Jew baiter, Julius Streicher, turned his talents to the denunciation of Catholics, telling a mass meeting at Nuremberg that priests convicted of "immorality" charges should be executed on the guillotine.

Streicher, dramatizing himself and not forgetting his role as a leading Jew baiter, declared that he had been marked for assassination by Helmut Hirsch, American citizen executed by the Nazis a month ago on vague charges.

From the Vatican, despite a policy of conciliation, came the accusation that of Germany had violated the terms of the Concordat of 1933 by its action against the Bavarian Catholic schools.

ILGWU Drive in Wool Dresses

LOS ANGELES—A drive to organize all workers in the silk and woolen garment industry has been launched by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Sixty shops in the industry, which employs 3000 workers in this area, have already been organized. Unless remaining shops sign up, strikes will be called against them. The ILGWU is demanding a \$22 weekly minimum for operators.

Filling Station Union's Triumph

SAN FRANCISCO—The progressive leadership of the Filling Station Employees Union here has chalked another big victory for the membership—the signing to an agreement of 37 stations this week. Picket lines were drawn from two truck stations, which were among those signing. Last week the union announced the signing of McKale's, a chain.

ASBESTOS MINERS CRUSHED
NAPA—Two miners were crushed to death under a ton of shale in an asbestos mine in Steele Canyon, 20 miles east of here.

Winning the War Is Major Issue of Spain C. P. Meet

By G. MARION
(By Wireless)

VALENCIA, Spain—With discussion centering about the problems of winning the war against the fascists, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Spain has been meeting in plenary session here.

This historic plenum is being closely watched not only by the 301,500 members of the Communist Party, plus the 64,000 members of the United Socialist Party of Catalonia, plus the 22,000 members of the Communist Party of the autonomous Basque Republic, but by the whole of the revolutionary people of Spain.

One of Spain's leading Socialists, Julio Alvarez del Vayo, is attending the conference as a constant reminder that this is "the plenum of unification."

Though the general secretary of the Communist Party, Jose Diaz, is absent because of illness, others of the political bureau of the Communist Party, Dolores Ibaruri (La Pasionaria), Jesus Hernandez, Antonio Mije, Francisco Anton and Delicado are present.

Commander Lister Present
Other prominent Communist figures seen at the plenum were Commander Lister of the famed Fifth Regiment, now the backbone of the Spanish People's Army, and his political commander, Carlos, Lieutenant Castillo Alcala Zamora, son of the former president of Spain; and the oldest Communist of Spain, Isidoro Acevedo.

La Pasionaria delivered the main report setting a perspective for a single party of the working class and a single great trade union federation formed by the fusion of the UGT and the CNT, Marxist and Anarcho-Syndicalist trade unions.

Of the Caballero Cabinet
Reviewing the three months' period since the last great plenum, which set forth the conditions necessary for early victory, Ibaruri spoke at length of the most important political incident of that period, the fall of the Largo Caballero cabinet. This was caused, she said, by its failure to carry out these conditions in practice. She then stressed the significance of the present cabinet headed by Juan Negrin, saying:

"Task of Winning the War
We now have a People's Front Government that works with People's Front methods and dedicates its full energies and enthusiasm to the earliest possible solution of the fundamental problems of war and production."

Winning the war is still a tremendous task requiring the utmost effort, self-sacrifice, coordinated labor organization and public order. The task of defeating the domestic foe is heightened greatly by the open aid to General Francisco Franco from international fascism, and the cowardly policy and weakness of the capitalist democratic governments.

The establishment of political and trade union unity of the working class to strengthen the People's Front is the profoundest aspiration of the Spanish people today, La Pasionaria said. But it is more than that. It is also a pre-requisite for increased military strength and increased industrial and agricultural production.

The sessions of the plenum are taking up the problems of production, the question of organization of various forces, and the leadership policy of the Communist Party.

The plenum is thus devoted chiefly to working out methods for tightening organization and increasing production to aid the quickest possible victory in the war and the consolidation of the people's revolution.

Aid in Harvesting
While the political general staff of the army of nearly 400,000 Communists is engaged in these vital discussions, the Communists outside are already hard at work increasing and improving production.

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SECOND INT'L TO MEET OVER SPAIN ISSUES

Non-Intervention is Failure, Leaders All Agree

PARIS—A special meeting of the Labor and Socialist International and the International Federation of Trade Unions has been called to meet in Paris this week to consider measures to halt the fascist intervention in Spain.

The decision calling the meeting, taken at a special conference of members of the bureau of the LSI and the IFTU at Geneva on the occasion of the International Labor Office conference does not mention the question of a united front with the Communist International.

Spain Delegates Report
The Spanish delegation to the International Labor Office conference attended the meeting and submitted a report on the present situation in Spain. The press was informed that no formal decisions were passed, in view of the forthcoming session of the bureau of the IFTU, to be held in Warsaw.

At a session at which Grumbach, a leading French Socialist close to Leon Blum, was present, a heated discussion took place during which all speakers agreed that the policy of so-called "non-intervention" had failed.

"Control" Aids Fascists
A resolution unanimously adopted declared that the system of naval control of the Spanish coastline was a complete failure, not having prevented continued German and Italian aid to the Spanish fascists, that the situation arising out of this failure made it incumbent upon the LSI and the IFTU to issue an appeal to all nations to put an end by all means in their power to the policy of permanent intervention carried on by Italy and Germany under the cloak of non-intervention.

Toward Greater Unity
These newcomers are deeply grateful to the forces of labor and the Communist Party for the protection of the interests of small proprietors, artisans and manufacturers.

The advanced proletariat is equally grateful because the Communist Party has thus preserved the workers' alliance with the peasants, intellectuals, students and urban petit bourgeoisie—the alliance which is so indispensable to win the war. It is towards the Communist Party that thousands of Socialists and Anarchists are beginning to look for guidance along the path of the creation of one party, one trade union.

Marcantonio Made President of ILD

WASHINGTON—Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio, outstanding New York progressive, has been elected president of the International Labor Defense. Election of Marcantonio followed a three-day national conference of the ILD here. Robert Dunn, Labor Research Assn. director, was elected national treasurer, Ann Damon, national secretary.

Louis Colman is assistant national secretary; Sam Dlvgn, national organizer, and William Patterson, first vice-president.

One hundred delegates at the conference heard Earl Browder and John P. Davis, national secretary of the National Negro Congress.

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On Being "Pushed Around"

WITH a real honest to goodness drive to organize agriculture and the canneries getting under way (led by the California Cannery and Agricultural Federation), the big growers are unleashing what may, if unchecked, become the bloodiest reign of terror the state has yet seen.

On Tuesday of this week attempts were made to reopen the Filice and Perrelli Cannery in Richmond through such brutal actions as the running down of pickets by an automobile driven by one of the employers. The company has laid in stores of tear gas.

Because apricot pickers in Yolo County and Solano County have decided to affiliate with the CIO and to strike for decent wages and hours, growers and authorities have mobilized another one of those Salinas-Stockton style vigilante armies.

In their union-wrecking campaign, the cannery companies and the growers this time openly beckon to the reactionaries of the state federation of labor, and the Vandeleur leadership openly and unhesitatingly responds, chartering company unions, revoking federal charters as in San Jose, and ordering teamsters to refuse to haul crops picked by CIO members.

Because the campaign to organize the agricultural and cannery workers is in determined hands, that section of the daily press which in the case of the Salinas terror found it expedient to wear a liberal mask, this time openly incites to vigilante murder.

Witness the San Francisco Chronicle, which states, in regard to Yolo County, that "if the union trouble makers get pushed around they will have no one to blame but themselves."

It would be advisable that the editors of the Chronicle read their own news columns. They would perhaps learn that the union members are in no mood these days to be "pushed around," as the San Pedro workers showed in reply to the murder of ILA member Bill Gregg.

As has been done in the steel strike in Ohio, the trade union membership of this state, AFL and CIO, will meet boss-inspired terror with the greatest mobilization of support behind the unions involved.

The best answer right now to the growers and their press is full moral and financial support to the Cannery and Agricultural Federation's drive in California's most important industry.

What Socialism Can Do

THE world gasps in amazement at the breath-taking courage of Pilots Chkalov, Baidukov, Beliakov—heroes of the Soviet Union.

At the same time, the world sees what the planning of Socialism can do. Soviet industry has shown the world what it can do in the way of turning out aircraft that can stand the harshest of tests. Soviet science has shown what can be accomplished when the work of a nation does not revolve around profits for a handful. The Soviet people have shown what planned economy can achieve.

The words of Sir Hubert Wilkins, the famed British polar explorer, one of the many great scientists who have expressed their admiration for the flight—show that repeated Soviet achievements in Polar exploration have set scientists to thinking. "The Soviet Union has shown itself to be as advanced in the realm of science as it has in political science," were the remarks of Sir Hubert on the flight. Only in the Soviet Union, Sir Hubert pointed out, do the government and science work in the closest cooperation.

The Western Worker joins with the people of California and of the entire nation in welcoming Pilots Chkalov, Baidukov, and Beliakov into the hearts of the American people.

The Santa Maria Convention And the Tasks Ahead

THE successful second convention of California People's Legislative Conference held in Santa Maria on June 20 was not only a tribute to the excellent work of that organization on behalf of the people during the last session of the legislature. It was an inspiration and an impetus to the development of the independent political action of labor and the progressive forces of California.

The presence of 298 official delegates from 238 organizations, including 137 trade union bodies, was in itself a clear recognition of the need for a concerted campaign to arouse the public against reaction. It was especially significant because the campaign now looks to future rather than immediate state legislative sessions. It was significant

as a recognition of the need for action against county and city reaction, for the passage of county and city ordinances guaranteeing the right to picket, for the election of local candidates whose records prove them to represent the interest of the people and who will be responsible to the progressive organizations which sponsor them.

Moreover, the organizations sent their delegates to the Santa Maria convention in response to a specific appeal for a statewide campaign—now—to curb the power of the senate. It recognized in the senate an undemocratic force not representing the people but responsible largely to the powerful lobbies of the Standard Oil, the power trust and the railroads.

The way has been further opened for a broad, comprehensive federation of all the labor and progressive organizations in California. Such a federation was unanimously endorsed by the convention. An impetus has been given for the greater unity around a positive program of the progressive forces in the Democratic Party. Assemblyman Patterson at the convention remarked very appropriately that these forces represent at least two thirds of that party's membership.

This two thirds must establish majority rule. The greater participation of labor is one of the main necessities to accomplish this end.

The convention's enthusiastic endorsement of a uni-cameral legislature for California and its decision to organize a campaign toward establishing it can rapidly become the rallying point for all progressive forces in California. It is directed against the senate which all progressives are recognizing as the major stumbling block thwarting the will of the electorate as expressed in the last election.

This task is to help build the unity of the progressive and labor forces of California—to build unity in struggle against reaction.

Labor Knows What the Steel Strike Means

ANSWERING the killing of at least 15 pickets thus far in the strike against the independent steel companies has been one of the finest displays of labor solidarity the nation has yet seen.

AFL Central Labor Councils in Youngstown, Canton and Warren, Ohio, where Republic mills are struck by the CIO, have established the machinery for general strikes should the steel companies unloosen any further show of terror.

The United Mine Workers of America has called out 15,000 men in the coal pits operated by the struck steel companies, and has declared its readiness to call out its entire membership of 600,000 in support of the steel strike.

Rubber workers from Akron have offered their active, physical support against the vigilantes.

The railroad workers' sympathy with the strike has been expressed in the apparent close alliance developing between some of the brotherhoods and the CIO.

These are great tributes to the progressive, industrial union policies of the CIO. They are further proofs of the fact that the CIO, and not the ancient craft union officials, stand for the unity of labor.

They show too that organized labor sees in the independent steel strike a test of strength, in which the open shop employers of this country hope to break the CIO. Organized labor, in giving such staunch support to the steel strikers, does so in the realization that victory for the steel companies is a serious threat to the very existence of trade unionism in the United States.

The need is serious for all trade unions, and all progressive organizations to rally for the defense of civil rights, and for disarming of vigilantes and the corporations, in the entire nation, and of course in California.

Demands should be made that newsreels of the Chicago massacre suppressed by Paramount be shown in all cities, for the people to see how liberty in this country is threatened.

Demand an Embargo Against Germany and Italy

THE latest brazen attack on world peace and on the Spanish Republic must be answered from America! Emphatically and immediately!

German and Italian fascism reached a new high in its criminal and bloodthirsty action in renouncing the four-power accord and declaring its right to open intervention in Spain.

It is clear that fascism intends to repeat the Almeria and Guernica outrages on a tremendously increased scale, flaunting itself anew as the criminal murderer of women, children and the aged and the provocateur of world war.

It can be stopped. The democratic governments of the world, whose people are overwhelmingly opposed to fascism and outraged by the slaughter in Spain, can put a stop to it. But the people of America must smash the false "neutrality" which the American government has put in the way of aid to Spain. It must smash the "neutrality" which is in reality a direct aid to fascism.

Demand of Secretary Hull and President Roosevelt that Italy and Germany be declared aggressors in Spain, and that an embargo on arms be placed upon them! Demand that the unfair embargo be lifted from the Spanish government which has every right to defend itself against this aggression!

Join with the Communist International in appealing for united international working class action. Only through such action organized independently through the trade unions and the progressive forces can the force of democratic governments be brought behind the support of the Spanish Republic.

They Demand Punishment of Murderer of Bill Gregg



THESE 4000 San Pedro ILA members, shown marching in the funeral procession of Bill Gregg, now demand that State Attorney General U. S. Webb act to punish Policeman Redding, who murdered the ILA member in cold blood. Coroner's jury and grand jury have whitewashed the murder. Seamen's unions are demanding an end to police brutality against their members in San Pedro.

Thomas Visits the U. S. S. R.

By A. B. MAGIL

Norman Thomas has returned from Europe and from the Soviet Union. For two weeks he breathed the air of Socialism. For two weeks he lived in the land without unemployment, without hunger, where the exploitation of man by man has been banished forever. This would be a great experience for anyone. For the leader of the American Socialist Party one would expect it to be like a burst of sunshine in a world of darkness, illuminating all the problems that face mankind.

But there are all sorts of ways of looking at the sun. For some it means light—for others blindness. As he stepped off the boat Thomas hastened to give his impressions to representatives of the capitalist press. Nothing wrong in that. No. And the capitalist press evidently found nothing wrong with his impressions.

Press Gives Big Party THOMAS BACK, SAYS FEAR GRIPS RUSSIA, headlined Tuesday's New York Times.

And Hearst's American: THOMAS BACK, SCORES SOVIET DICTATORSHIP.

The American, in fact, thought so well of Thomas's opinion of the Soviet Union that in the early edition it published the story on the front page.

The headlines in both papers were based on the following statement:

"I do not feel that the Soviet is moving to a classless society or a withering away of dictatorship. To the contrary, dictatorship is increasing in Russia. The masses give the impression of well-being and contentment, but there is a grave evidence of a rule by fear."

Contradiction On his way to the Soviet Union Thomas passed through fascist Austria and semi-fascist Poland. But it is in the Soviet Union that "dictatorship is increasing." On his way back he went through Nazi Germany. But it is in the Land of Socialism that there is "a rule of fear."

Of course, Thomas isn't bothered by the fact that in a single sentence he makes two statements that contradict each other. How the masses can give the impression of well-being and CONTENTMENT and at the same time show evidence of "a rule by fear" is one of those startling feats of mixing fire and water that perhaps only such a political chemist as Norman Thomas can explain. No doubt the explanation is simple—particularly if you have the black magic of Trotskyism to help you.

And against whom is dictatorship increasing in the Soviet Union? Does Thomas mean to say that the Soviet government is something apart from the masses who created it and that it is exercising a dictatorship over them? Yes, the iron hand of the proletarian dictatorship of the people's government of the Soviet Union is today falling more heavily than ever on the enemies of the people, on the Trotskyite agents of fascism, on the spies, grafters, and bureaucrats of every stripe.

But this makes possible more, not less democracy for the masses. Is this what Thomas objects to? And why is it that he says nothing about the new advances of democracy under the new Soviet Constitution?

The above quotation is no newspaper distortion. Thomas says the same things and more in an article in the June 5 issue of the Socialist Call, written from Amsterdam. In slightly different language he makes the same self-contradictory statements:

"The masses impressed me as generally happy, but there is an incalculable and poisonous weight of fear which, if continued, will destroy our dreams of Socialism."

Dreams Coming True This non-extent weight of fear may destroy Norman Thomas' dreams of Socialism, but it cannot destroy the dreams of the Soviet masses. For those dreams are being realized.

Elsewhere in the same article Thomas writes:

"The evidence seems to me strong that fear is so great among the more articulate por-

tion of the community that it affects adversely all political and historical writing and discussion."

Question: Who are "the more articulate portion of the community?" Certainly the grafters and bureaucrats and concealed Trotskyite spies have every reason to be filled with fear. But the Soviet government, by sweeping out that traitorous scum, is FREEING the 170,000,000 workers and collective farmers of the fear of these internal enemies.

Another Opinion Let us see what another observer, the liberal economist George Soule, had to say on this subject after a trip to the Soviet Union. In the New Republic of Feb. 12, 1936, he wrote: "What I can say, as a partially informed tourist, is that we saw no indication whatever that the Russian masses, who had made the revolution, felt any lack of freedom, or were governed by fear."

He certainly Russia has cleared the grounds for real Socialist building," Thomas admits. Perhaps one should feel grateful for this concession. But if the Menshevik policies which Thomas has advocated for the past 20 years had been followed, if the Trotskyite agents of fascism whom Thomas defends had achieved their aims, the ground would have been cleared not for Socialist building, but for fascism.

It was the policies of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, under the leadership of Stalin and backed by the enthusiasm, energy and devotion of the Soviet masses, that cleared the ground for Socialist building.

Norman Thomas was disappointed in the Soviet Union, but he did find Socialism somewhere after all. He found it in Denmark and Sweden. True, the capitalist class still owns all the means of production in those countries despite the Social-Democratic governments. True, there is still exploitation, still unemployment, wage cuts and all the other blessings of capitalism. Nevertheless, Norman Thomas seemed to find more real Socialism in capitalist Denmark and Sweden than in the Socialist U.S.S.R. He writes:

"In sum total these social institutions and social services fall far short of what one finds in such happy lands as Denmark and Sweden, but they shine out in comparison with what there was—or was not—in old Russia."

Happy Denmark, happy Sweden, happy capitalism! And in contrast: the Soviet Union, gripped by a "poisonous weight of fear." And this from a man who calls himself a revolutionary Socialist.

Security in U.S.S.R. Sidney and Beatrice Webb,

who spent a little longer than two weeks in the Soviet Union, described social insurance in the U.S.S.R. as being far in advance of anything ever contemplated in the capitalist world (Soviet Communism, p. 864) And they declare:

"The scheme of economic security by way of social insurance in the U.S.S.R. is so general in its character, so elaborate in its provision and so liberal in its treatment of all classes of sufferers that it is hard to describe it otherwise than in terms of eulogy." (Soviet Communism, p. 884.)

But then the Webbs are a couple of old-fashioned Socialists, who do not use the adjective "revolutionary" before that designation.

On Democracy In the matter of democracy Thomas also finds Soviet democracy far behind the bourgeois. He writes:

"Don't let anyone tell you that there is no feeling of class distinction between the poorer paid workers and the high officials or even the Stakhanovites!"

"I breathed a purer air of democracy as between man and man in Denmark than I did in Russia."

It is evident that Norman Thomas has been writing about the wrong country. He spent two weeks in the Soviet Union, but it was in capitalist Denmark that he found the real co-operative commonwealth. In Denmark, where democracy is so pure that both the rich and the poor have the same right to sleep under bridges.

What About U.S.A. And if the quality of democracy is so fine in Denmark, it certainly can't be much inferior than in the United States, which like Denmark, also has the advantage over the Soviet Union of being a capitalist country.

And who will deny that under American democracy both J. P. Morgan and the humblest storekeeper have the same right to dodge taxes?

Norman Thomas' comments on the Soviet Union reveal him as a middleheaded reformist, whose conception of Socialism is nothing but the most vulgar caricature of Socialist reality. His article will please the Trotskyites, will please Hearst, will please every reactionary and enemy of the Soviet Union, but it gives a thoroughly false and distorted picture of the epic Land of Socialism, the shining bulwark of world democracy and peace.

Thomas went in search of Socialism, but discovered the great wisdom which every apostle of capitalism discovered long ago. He might have spared himself—and his readers—the pains.

The Spanish-American Shock Brigade; Its Reputation is Aces High in Spain

By TED ALLAN

MADRID—There is a man in Spain who'll celebrate his first wedding anniversary August 12, simultaneously with the collapse of the rebel central front.

His prophecy is based on two facts: that he's commandante of "the best bunch of fighters in the Spanish army" and that operations on other fronts are forcing the fascists to withdraw troops so that when the government is in a position to attack it will break through.

The name of the commandante cannot now be told. He is a 23-year-old Cuban exile who heads the Primero Brigada Choque or First Shock Brigade. The brigade was on leave at a village near Madrid, so he had time to sit in a cafe sipping lemonade and talking to me.

Was Sentenced to Death His record and that of the brigade he commands reads like a romantic novel. He was a leader in the Cuban student movement and was sentenced to death by the bloody dictator Machado.

"But I put one over on him," he added. He escaped, remaining in hiding until Machado himself was overthrown and had to flee the country. When Col. Batista established the power which today holds sway over Cuba, the commandante again

A Straitjacket, Painted Green

The New Irish Constitution; De Valera in Open Sympathy With Franco in Spain

By E. T.

I would like to congratulate the Western Worker for the article on the new Free State Constitution, signed by Frank Ryan and Peadar O'Donnell.

Peadar O'Donnell is one of Ireland's finest creative writers, and a constant worker for his country's political and economic

freedom. Frank Ryan, who had been editor of a Dublin working-class weekly, went to Spain to fight for the Loyalists. He was wounded and returned home. Immediately he made plans to publish a newspaper that would tell his tragically misled countrymen who had been duped by the clergy and by reactionaries into giving funds for Franco, the truth about the Spanish situation.

Both Catholic and Protestant churchmen brought pressure on Dublin printers, according to Peadar O'Donnell, and the upshot was that Frank Ryan had to have his "Irish Democrat" printed in Belfast, while he himself edited it in Dublin.

De Valera Is for Franco

When De Valera was questioned outright as to which side he favored in Spain, he replied that he didn't mind saying he was on the side of Franco. This is scarcely a surprise to those who have watched his behavior during the past few years. The Freedom Act which he has used with full vigor to suppress freedom of speech, press and assembly, and to throw republicans in jail for "sedition," has betrayed how little feeling he has for democracy and the civil liberties.

His new Constitution not only raises private property "almost to the dignity of a sacrament," as Ryan and O'Donnell have said, but clamps down on the freedom of a people, by use of a simple word, "however." To quote:

ARTICLE 40. Paragraph 6. The State guarantees liberty for the exercise of the following rights, subject to public order and morality:

The right of the citizens to express freely their convictions and opinions. The education of public opinion being, however, a matter of such grave import to the common good, the State shall endeavor to insure that organs of public opinion such as the radio, press and cinema, while preserving their rightful liberty of expression, shall not be used to undermine public order or morality or the authority of the State.

The right of citizens to assemble peaceably and without arms. Laws, however, may be enacted to prevent or control meetings which are calculated to cause a breach of the peace or be a danger or nuisance to the general public.

The right of citizens to form associations and unions. Laws, however, may be enacted for the regulation and control in the public interest of the foregoing right.

With reference to further points in the much publicized Constitution, I quote from "Prison Bars," a tiny publication issued monthly by the Women's Prisoners' Defense League in Dublin. This league is bravely fighting in the face of overwhelming difficulties for the case of the republican political prisoners in De Valera's jails. This is from the June issue, just received:

We now have a new Constitution, presented to us with a great blowing of trumpets. All the powers of the infamous Coercion Acts are retained for this "free" people.

The family and the home are given a predominant status—on paper. There is nothing in it

or hand grenade fighting. There's where we're the pick of the crop."

His English is faultless. He learned it at a school in Miami, Fla.

"My brigade has men from every part of the Spanish army," he continues. "All are volunteers, 90 per cent are Spanish, remainder Cubans, Americans, Canadians. And, baby, when we attack, we always take what we're after! Those fascists are learning to know what shock brigade means!"

After Brihuega, the brigade saw action on the Guadarrama front May 7, where they took positions near Cerro Garabitas. Early June saw action on the Segovia sector, where they advanced five miles.

I have asked a number of military men what they thought of the Brigada Choque and received the answer in the enthusiastic but untranslatable word: "Ole!"

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which holds out any hope of opportunity to make a home, to those who are flying out of the country. The right to hold property is guaranteed—that is to those who already have property—regardless of the means by which it was acquired, but the opportunity to acquire property is (as far as the Constitution is concerned) as carefully guarded as ever from that "large and respectable body, the people or no property." "The weaker members of the Society" are promised protection, that is to say, as a sop to the unemployed, women are to be arbitrarily deprived of the right to work at gainful employments, and are airily waved to "the home"—presumably the County Home, which will be the lot of seventy-five per cent of them, except they choose the emigrant ship.

There is not a line in this Constitution which suggests that its framers do not regard poverty and unemployment as a normal condition of Society, and yet it is claimed for it that it is a step toward a new social order. In one clause of this new Document No. 3, the State weakly promises that "it will direct its policy so that citizens may find the means of making reasonable provisions for their domestic needs." Compare this with that fine clause of the Democratic program of the Republican Dail of 1919—"In return for the willing services, we, in the name of the Republic, declare the right of every citizen to a share of the produce of the Nation's labour." Truly, when Ireland's freedom went into eclipse, the noble social vision of its founders was also obscured.

For all the ballyhoo, the new Constitution seems to merit the witty phrase of Father O'Flanagan. It is a "straight jacket painted green."

350,000 R. R. Men To Vote on Strike

CHICAGO—Over 350,000 members of the "Big Five" railroad brotherhoods are about to take a national strike vote. Representatives of the unions met here unanimously decided on the vote.

The membership will ballot on a demand for a 20 per cent wage increase; revision of working conditions, and demand for a conference with railroad executives. An affirmative vote will mean strike action.

Wife Says Holman Gets \$750 a Week In Anti-ILA Work

OAKLAND—Lee J. Holman, would-be head of a company union for longshoremen, is receiving \$750 a month as a "pseudo union organizer," his wife charges in a suit for divorce here.

Mrs. Holman says the Holman home was constantly kept as an arsenal, with hordes of armed men hanging about.

She charges the scabberder with cruelty and "promiscuous association with other women."

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**Rumors of Granting Seven Cent Fare Pave
Way to Announcement of Plan Giving
Greater Anticipated Revenue**

By CLINT DUFF

"Increased revenue to pay the cost of increased wages and social insurance" is the camouflage behind which the Market Street Railway and its crafty president, Samuel Kahn has put over their latest "job" on the San Francisco public.

Accustomed to enormous profits such as the 1929 net income of \$292,485, the company found the 1935 profits (1936 not published yet) of \$69,509 entirely too meager to satisfy its wants. Therefore, the company owners seized on the age-old pretext of "increased labor costs" and instituted a high-pressure drive for permission of the State Railroad Commission to raise their fare two cents.

LABOR PARTY OF NEW YORK HITS TAMMANY MOVE

Rumors Fly

For several weeks it looked as if the commission would readily agree to the exorbitant request of Kahn and associates. Suddenly, however, we are confronted with a "surprise decision," one which is greeted by the capitalist press as "a victory for the people"; the fare is to be kept at five cents with two cents additional charge for a transfer.

But what is the net effect of this supposedly public-spirited ruling of the commission?

Those who live in such districts that they must use "cross city lines" to get in and out to the industrial sections of the city are forced to transfer and pay 7c fare. This means that a person who lives in the Mission or North Beach sections, the two chief working class districts of the city, must pay \$12 more a year for carfare than the business and upper class residents of Richmond, Sunset, or Ingleside.

The Company's Interest

Not only will the decision hit the workers' sections of the city hardest but by the decree, in the words of the Railway Commission: "the earnings of the company will thus be increased to an amount in excess of that which it estimates it will obtain from the fare structure (7c fare) proposed in this application."

While the Commission estimates that only \$350,000 in increased gross revenue would result from an adoption of the 7c fare by the company, Samuel Kahn himself admits that the transfer charge will probably bring in \$500,000. But this last figure is decidedly low considering that the company now handles 59,000,000 transfers a year.

If It "Fails"

But in case this well-laid plot does fail, the Commission makes very plain that "if it develops that this fare is not fulfilling the requirements, the entire matter can be reviewed" with a "aim to 'provide a revenue sufficient to meet the cost of performing the service.'"

Such is the last public service of the Market Street Railway and its willing handmaidens, the State Railway Commission: a \$1,000,000 steal from the pockets of the workers. Only "farmer-labor government" will put a stop to an extension of such tactics.

Appeal for Funds To Defend the Hawaiian Strikers

SAN FRANCISCO—Appeal for funds for the defense of the striking Filipino and Hawaiian workers in Maui, T. H., where they are being defended by Attorney Grover Johnson.

The campaign on their behalf as being waged by the Committee for Defense of Hawaiian Workers, and the appeal signed by George Woolf, chairman of the Cannery and Agricultural Federation of California, and by George Nugent for the International Labor Defense.

On June 10 the San Francisco office of the International Labor Defense received the following cable:

"Nine Filipino strike leaders framed on trumped up charge by sugar planters association to break morale of island wide strike. Trial set for June fourteenth in prejudiced court on island of Maui. Unable to get attorney we can trust. ILD must help. Funds exhausted helping destitute workers. Will get postponement if notified immediately legal help coming wire union hall 122 North Queen (signed) Ed Berman, editor Voice of Labor; Max Weisbarth, chairman Honolulu Longshoremen Assn.; Harry Kealoha, agent Longshoremen Association."

"A cable was sent to Honolulu to postpone the trial and that an attorney would be sent as quickly as possible. On June 14 the following cable was received from Honolulu:

"Judge refuses to grant postponement. Jury chosen today. Workers evicted from homes need funds. Appeal organized labor."

(Signed) BERMAN
Due to the urgency of the situation, funds were borrowed and on Wednesday, June 16, Attorney Grover Johnson was sent to the islands by plane. He is now on the island of

W. C. F. GREETES SANTA MARIA CONVENTION

**Costigan Shows Need
Of a Progressive
Federation**

Following is abridged from a letter of greetings sent to convention of the People's Legislative conference of California, sent by Howard Costigan on behalf of the Washington Commonwealth federation.

The Washington Commonwealth federation sends sincerest greetings to the People's Legislative conference of California recognizing that in the growth and maturity of your organization the Washington Commonwealth federation will be assisted in the realization of its goal—a unified federation of all progressive organizations embracing farmers, workers, and middle class people of all political parties throughout the eleven western states.

Reaction is rapidly dropping the mask of party differences, through open unity against the President's proposal to unpack the Supreme Court, against minimum wage, maximum hour legislation, against the Wagner Connery act, and for the fascist type forced incorporation of labor unions.

To effectively overcome this uniting front of Tories, it is imperative that progressives likewise brush away the barricades which have kept them separated and build a popular front of all progressive forces desirous of a better distribution of our national income, protection of the civil rights of our people and the preservation of our democratic institutions.

In each state as well as in the nation itself it is therefore imperative that a permanent political union seeking a fuller and freer expression of democracy be forced. Insofar as the People's Legislative conference becomes the motivating force in your state of such an organization will it make possible the realization of the objective for which the people of the nation voted last fall.

Fascism now threatens democracy on two fronts—in Europe through the invasion of democratic nations in an undeclared war by Germany and Italy and in the United States by the rapidly crystallizing efforts of big business to defeat the growing power of labor unionism by placing the shackles of forced incorporation on free trade unions.

To defeat fascism, both at home and abroad, equally concerted with the destruction of democracy in order to preserve the profits of the few no matter what the cost to the many, the American people must prepare to take the reins of government, local, state and national, completely out of the hands of the pro-fascists.

This coalition must in each section of the country, be flexible as to means, but inflexible as to the end—the defeat of a threatening American fascism. In the name of the growing anti-fascist forces in the state of Washington which find political expression through the Washington Commonwealth federation, I wish you every success in your convention.

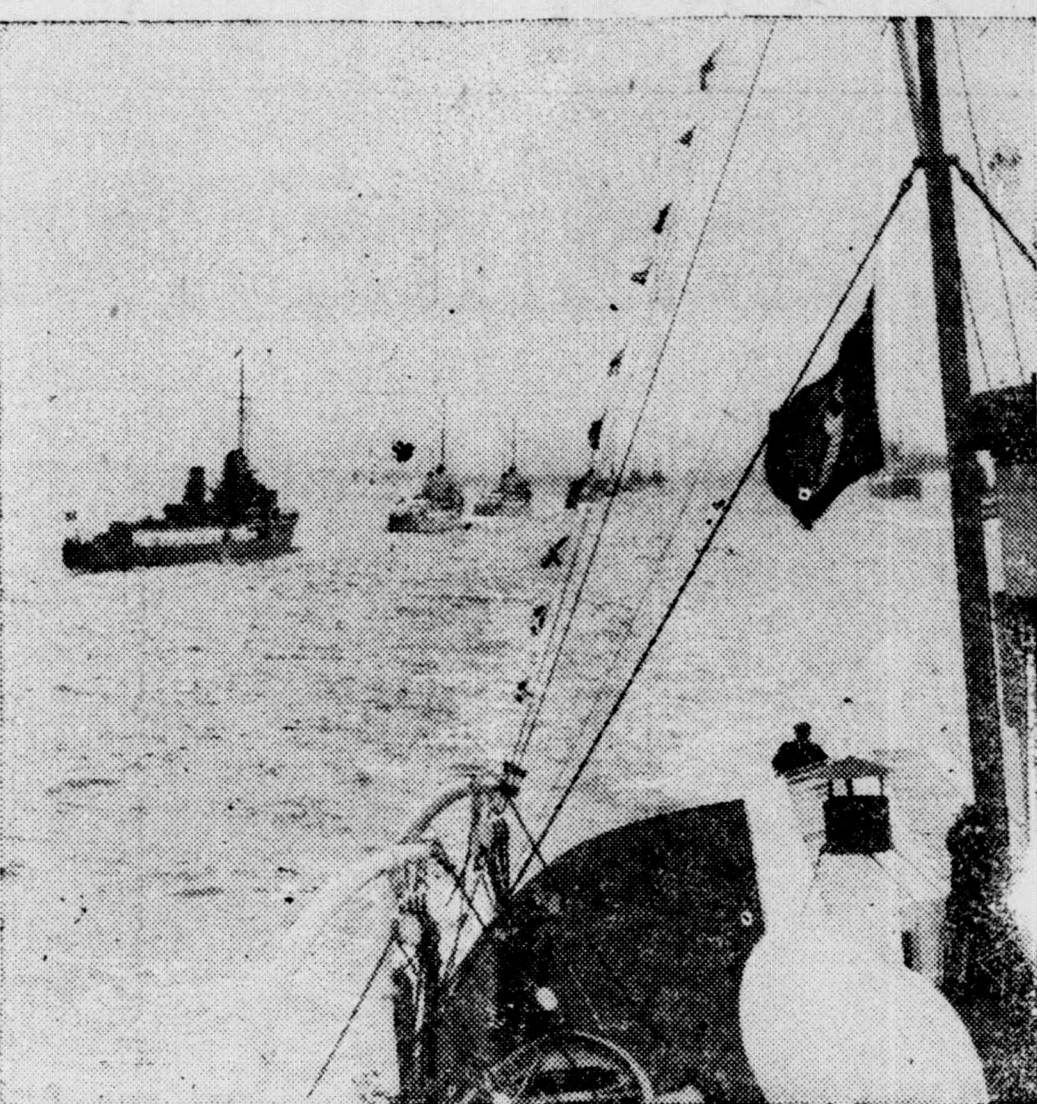
—Howard Costigan

FILM NOTABLES TO SUP- PORT SPAIN

Elissa Landi, Frances Farmer and Lief Erickson are among the latest of film colony notables to indicate their support for the embattled Spanish Loyalists. These stars, among others, will serve on the reception committee to greet the guests of the United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, at a benefit dance sponsored by the Committee at Sebastian's Cotton Club, 8781 Washington Boulevard in Culver City, the evening of Monday, June 28th.

All funds realized by the affair will be used to establish a Children's Home in Loyalist territory for Spanish children orphaned by the tragic civil conflict.

For the Murder of Women and Kids



GERMAN NAVY destroyers off Spanish coast, allegedly to participate in "neutrality patrol," but in actuality to murder women and children, as in Nazi shelling of Almeria.

Senate to Hear New Evidence on Mooney Frameup

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Impetus was given the movement working for an unconditional pardon for Tom Mooney by the appointment of a sub-committee by Senator Henry F. Ashurst, chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee, to hold hearings on the joint resolution of Senator James Murray of Montana calling

upon Governor Merriam of California to grant Mooney a pardon. With the announcement of the appointment of the sub-committee the Washington Tom Mooney Defense Committee let it be known that saying new circumstantial evidence from the records of the German war sabotage hearings in 1929 would be introduced before the sub-committee.

Senator Murray's resolution requests both congress and the President to memorialize Governor Merriam in behalf of a pardon for the famous labor prisoner who was convicted of bombing a preparedness day parade in San Francisco 21 years ago.

First Effort of Kind
So far as it can be ascertained this is the first time in the history of the government that Congress has ever been requested to memorialize a state or state official. Heretofore it has always been the custom for the subcommittee appointed by Chairman Ashurst is composed of Senators M. M. Neely of West Virginia, Patrick MacCarran of Nevada, Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, James H. Hughes of Delaware and George W. Norris of Nebraska.

The new circumstantial evidence, which will be presented by the Mooney Defense Committee, definitely points the finger of suspicion at a German baron, a former German Army General and a former soldier in the German Army. The document from the sabotage hearing records, which was just recently discovered by John Jenkins, chairman of the Washington Tom Mooney committee, contains the sworn testimony of J. H. Van Koolbergen, a British spy, to British authorities, and casts suspicion also on C. C. Crowley, a convicted dynamiter, who, according to evidence in the hands of the Mooney defense, was employed by Charles M. Fickert, district attorney responsible for the alleged railroad of Mooney and Warren K. Billings to life sentences for the Preparedness Day bombing.

Admits Making Bomb
Contained on pages 2543 and 2544 of U. S. Ex. 600, printed record of sabotage case, Koolbergen's testimony shows that he was asked by Lieut. Von Bricken, a member of the German consul's staff in San Francisco, whether he could make a bomb to specifications. Koolbergen said that he made the bomb and took it to room No. 7076 Palace Hotel, where he met C. C. Crowley.

Records Show Payments
Additional records here in Washington show that Crowley made payments to Lewis Smith, another convicted dynamiter, who served in the German Army, amounting to \$550 in the months preceding the explosion for which Mooney and Billings were blamed and sentenced to life imprisonment. These payments are listed on page 747, Vol. 2 of the bill of exceptions to the trial of German Consul General Von Bopp and Lieut. von Bricken.

According to one Frank O. Stevens of Dayton, Ohio, Smith died in Cleveland July 4, 1922. Smith previously had confessed in the presence of six persons that he was the one who had planted the Preparedness Day bomb in 1916 which resulted in the death of 10 persons and the injuring of 40 others.

Crowley, according to a document dated San Francisco, June 14, 1915, was a special agent of Fickert, supposedly assigned to the investigation of traffic in illicit drugs. Mr. Fickert, it appears, was none too particular about the character of his investigators, for, as a side line, Crowley at the time of his appointment was participating in dynamiting on behalf of the Imperial German Government, the record shows.

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VENTURA AND OXNARD SEE SPAIN FILM

**Last Minute Denials
Of Halls Reduce
Attendance**

By D. L.

VENTURA—"Spain in Flames" offended the forces of fascism, represented by the Knights of Columbus in Ventura County. They unsuccessfully attempted to stop the showing of the picture in both Ventura and Oxnard by identical cowardly means.

Halls were rented in both cities a week before the picture was due. In Ventura the Athene Club House and in Oxnard the Community Center. The committees had no difficulty in obtaining permission to use the halls and thousands of leaflets were distributed in both cities. Business houses displayed the large posters and a great deal of interest was created. A record-breaking crowd could be expected.

Two-Hour Notice

But, two hours before time to open the doors the public was greeted by a notice in the local paper that "Spain picture will not be shown at Athene Club house." The article went on further to state that the sponsors had not notified the paper as to another meeting place. This was true because the sponsors were not informed of the fact that they would be unable to use the Athene Club that evening until after the paper had gone to press.

The picture was shown in Ventura to those who did not believe all they read in the paper or who had been fortunate enough to fail to read the paper that evening. There was no trouble in obtaining another hall, but the publicity had been sufficient to keep large numbers of people from going to the original meeting place, where they could have been directed to the new hall.

Repetition in Oxnard

The Oxnard meeting was a repetition of the one in Ventura except that the workers were aware of the possibility of the same tactics being used, knowing that the two towns are controlled by the same ring and were on the job to find the custodian of the Community Center and obtain the keys early in the morning.

Every effort was made to find Jack Miller, the custodian and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, but he along with the janitor had mysteriously disappeared from town. The sponsors were not notified of the refusal of the custodian until the evening paper came off the press.

The story a repetition of the one in Ventura carried an additional line, a deliberate lie, stating that every effort had been made by the custodian of the Community Center to locate the sponsors. Again there was little difficulty in obtaining a hall for the meeting after four o'clock, three hours before the show was to go on and too late to notify readers of the Oxnard Courier of the change of location.

It seems that the powers that be in Ventura County are getting jittery of the CIO as they started a whispering campaign claiming the picture was sponsored by the CIO, a statement they knew to be false, but it offered them an opportunity to start the Red Scare against the CIO before the organization really got going well in this county.

This particular instance of suppression of free speech was instigated by the Knights of Columbus, whose brothers in the Church are even now feeling the lash of fascism in Europe.

On the other hand the Socialist Local of Oxnard made every effort to inform the workers of the change of address in time to make it possible for as many as possible to see the picture and be informed of the true conditions in Spain.

The Committee for Arrangements wished to thank all those who co-operated so loyally

No Deportation For Spy Pappas

NEW YORK — Immigration authorities have proposed that the entire deportation proceedings against John Pappas of San Francisco be dropped and there-in hangs a story of hypocrisy.

For although Pappas held a membership book in the Communist Party, he was in reality a spy paid by the Industrial Association to disrupt the efforts of the WPA workers to better their conditions.

For helping workers to improve their conditions—deportation.

But for spying against them, for treachery to them—"honorable" reinstatement in June 1936, charged with being a member of the Communist Party, and held for deportation to Greece. To his rescue sprang the Industrial Association, testifying that it had hired him to join the Communist Party for the Judas rate of \$15 a week.

The Communist Party had discovered him before his arrest, however, and the Western Worker had exposed him and announced his expulsion as a rat.

Benson Supports Boileau Farm Security Bill

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Additional support to the Boileau farm security measure now being considered in congress has come from Minnesota's Farmer-Labor Governor, Elmer A. Benson. The measure is a part of the National Farmers Holiday association's legislative program.

"I believe that this measure represents one of the finest solutions of the farm tenancy problem that has yet been proposed," the governor wrote Dale Kramer, secretary of the Holiday organization, in promising "wholehearted" support.

Urge Government Aid to Migratory Homeless Families

NEW YORK—Legal recognition of governmental responsibility for the welfare of migratory families was urged recently by the Committee on Care of Transient and Homeless, a body set up five years ago by the National Social Work Council.

The proposal has particular importance for California where, according to Santa Clara Labor Council estimates, 200,000 migratory workers "follow the crops" with many working for as low as 20c an hour under intolerable living conditions.

In the report, drafted by Chairman Dr. Ellen C. Potter, it is asserted that "Mobility is a national economic necessity; it must cease to be a barrier to social security." The document recalls the Federal program for aid to non-settled persons, which ended in 1935 after spending \$85,773,319 to maintain "health and decent standards of living for thousands upon thousands of men, women and children during the depths of the depression."

The Committee urged that Federal and State governments "recognize in law a continuing responsibility for the welfare of non-settled persons. Their welfare must include their guidance to economic opportunity, their relief in time of need, their protection in health and sickness, their security on equal terms with their fellow citizens."

MINE WITNESS SLAIN

HARLAN, Ky.—Former deputy sheriff Wash Irwin, a La Follette committee witness against Harlan County coal companies, has been slain by mine company thugs.

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'Absorbing' the Unemployed in Calif.

Part of the propaganda of reaction against continuation of WPA consisted of the argument that private industry was "absorbing" the unemployed. The falsity of this argument was demonstrated by a recent undertaking of the San Francisco WPA.

Already the Workers' Alliance had notified such organs of big business as the U. S. Chamber of Commerce that it would be glad to furnish its entire membership for private employment at prevailing wages. Needless to say, the offer was disregarded.

S. F. Experiment

The possibility of diminishing the number of people on relief and placing them in private industry was discussed by officials of WPA in San Francisco at the end of March.

The President's plan of appropriating one and one half billion dollars was first opposed

at this meeting. The proposal that letters be sent to representative firms in S. F. listing them a number of applicants from WPA rolls for employment was made.

This was proposed by Mr. Wallace Day and was accepted. For six weeks definite preparations were made to contact employers in S. F. with a carefully selected group of the finest and best equipped workers out of 14000 on WPA. This was carried through the California State Employment Service as the WPA could not act as an employment agency for private industry, nor for WPA workers.

Employers Uninterested

Thirty five thousand firms were selected and letters were sent in groups of 5,000 per week with a list of about 75 candidates for position. The number of firms contacted shows clearly that the major number

of those operating in S. F. were rejected. This test is being carried out only in S. F. and because we can consider S. F. as a fairly prosperous city results achieved here will be a fair test for the entire nation.

There have been 25,000 letters sent out so far, they resulted in 60 inquiries, through which 34 jobs were secured. It is interesting to note that only young, more able and the most skilled were accepted. The results show .00243 employed out of 14,000 available.

Only 34 Hired

Of the 60 inquiries, 16 specified that they did not wish to employ any WPA or SERA workers. In the cases of 34 jobs filled, there were 83 candidates for these positions and a considerable portion of the candidates were rejected because their record showed that they had been on WPA for at least one year.

Among 34 jobs—2 were stenographers, 2 office and the balance labor.

There were no strikebreaking jobs filled. In every case the workers accepted were given higher wages than they received on the WPA. Twelve positions were not filled because the employer attempted to hire them at below standard wages. Though WPA officials instructed workers not to accept positions below the standard wage, 6 were put off the rolls for refusing to accept jobs out of their experience.

The results of the balance have not been received yet. They may be a trifle changed in final summary because some of the previous letters may yet be answered.

The total experiment has been so disappointing that the figures are being kept secret and it will be very difficult to secure in the future. But it will be possible to secure a complete picture at a later date.

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

War on CIO Organization Plotted by S. F. Bldg. Trade "Leaders"—Morgan's Hand Seen in "Little Steel" Strike—California Workers Flock Into CIO Unions—Progressives lead in Contra Costa Oil Union Elections—The Case Against James H. Quinn—ADDITIONAL LABOR NEWS ON REGULAR NEWS PAGES.

Strikebreaking Plot By Bldg. Union Heads

REACTIONARIES PLOT WRECKING OF CIO DRIVE

AFL Crafts Plan to Send 'Organizers' Into CIO Fields

SAN FRANCISCO—Obedient to the whip-cracking of William Green, American Federation of Labor president, reactionaries in the local Building Trades Council have started to carry out strikebreaking policies in a war against Committee for Industrial Organization unions.

At its meeting on June 10 last, the Building Trades Council adopted a resolution submitted by Delegates Spalding, Mazza, Rainbow and Ryan, to start disruptive activities against CIO organizational drives on the excuse that the CIO is organizing "industries and manufacturers and warehouses closely allied with the Building Trades Crafts."

The resolution termed the CIO drive as "unlawful!"

Strikebreaking Plan Sending of organizers into fields now organized or being organized by the CIO, was provided for in the strikebreaking resolution.

The Committee for Industrial Organization has issued a statement that it is not invading the jurisdiction of AFL building trades unions, thus spiking the lie in the resolution that the CIO was moving in on the jurisdiction of the Building Trades Council.

In a motion, the Building Trades Council also jumped through the hoop at Green's command by urging all affiliated locals to send delegates (reactionary) to pack the San Francisco Central Labor Council, although many of these locals have never been affiliated with the latter Council in the past.

Hearst Thug Used Against Newsies

OAKLAND—Attempting to break the strike of 800 East Bay newsboys, who are fighting for a decent wage, Hearst has turned loose one of his prize circulation managers, thugs, one Joseph Regent, to have strikers arrested on fake charges of "malicious mischief."

Five boys—Roy Holthorn, Robert Tearbaugh, Walter Waddington, Harry Winslow and Harry Boyle were arrested while in a car on picket duty. They were bailed out, at \$25 each, by the International Labor Defense.

Trial has been set for three other arrested boys, who are out on \$200 bail each furnished by the I.L.D. for July 14 in Berkeley Police Court.

Jack Elliott, vice-president of the CIO News Vendors Union Local 335, was arrested last Monday just after he left the court room, where he has arranged for a postponement on arraignment of other arrested strikers. The union has learned that five more complaints have been signed but have not yet been served.

Strike Remains Solid

At the request of the union, the I.L.D. is handling all defense matters for the union, with Attorney George Anderson acting as defense attorney.

Despite the arrests and intimidation, in which East Bay authorities are working hand in hand with Hearst and the other employers, the strike ranks remain solid and picketing continues as actively as ever.

The strike in the East Bay is directed against Hearst's Oakland Post-Inquirer, San Francisco Call-Bulletin, San Francisco Examiner, and the Oakland Tribune, San Francisco News and San Francisco Chronicle.

STA. BARBARA USES COLLEGE BOYS TO SCAB

SANTA BARBARA—Students of the State College here are to have the privilege of burning weeds on vacant lots that present a fire menace, during their vacation period, according to Fire Chief Stronach and City Engineer Moore.

This job for the college boys will be paid for by the city street department and the costs added to the tax bill. No information has been received as to the wage paid these boys who are scabbing on the regular joke-eaters.

Business Agent Bob Says . .

"The Waterfront Employers Association and all the open-shop groups try to keep the small shop-keepers separated from labor but a waterfront worker just told me a true story that shows just the opposite. This worker was out on Market street posting stickers: 'Drive Hitler and Mussolini Out of Spain.' A cop came up and called out the owner of a small shop, on which a sticker had just been pasted.

"In his best (or worst) browbeating manner, the cop yelled out: 'This guy is defacing your property.' The shop owner read the sign, and then shouted back: 'To hell with Hitler—to hell with Mussolini! Put up another sign!'"

MORGAN PLAYS "INNOCENT" IN STEEL STRIKE

Prove Morgan Is Instigator of Murders of Strikers

NEW YORK—J. P. Morgan is trying to play innocent! This Wall Street pirate, who brags openly of tax evasion, is now trying to disclaim the fact that his bloody hands are in the strike in the independent steel industry.

The smooth and silent Lamont-owned publicity machinery, which operates from 23 Wall Street, is trying to make it appear that the House of Morgan has "clean hands" in this latest open conspiracy against labor, in which many workers have been murdered.

Morgan in Republic Steel

The main Morgan interests in steel, the U. S. Steel Corp., are signed up with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, but both Republic Steel and Bethlehem Steel, now struck by the SWOC, are both directly and intimately connected with (although not controlled by) the House of Morgan.

Outstanding instance of the Morgan tie with Republic is provided by Cyrus Eaton, Cleveland utilities magnate, who is one of its presiding heads. Eaton was the man who, if any man did, broke Inoué when the latter was musing in on Morgan utility properties.

More recently, Eaton has been connected with plans for disposition of the Van Sweringen empire, the deliberate mismanagement of which has involved the Morgan firm in its latest tilt with constituted authority. Clearly, Eaton is more than a friend, is an associate of Morgan, and his influence upon Republic's anti-union policy won't cost him his Morgan connection.

Tie With Bethlehem In the case of Bethlehem, whose conduct during the strike has been no less bloody and criminal than Republic's, the association with Morgan is even closer.

Apart from the integral role played by Morgan in financing Bethlehem during the war years, the "Bethlehem bank" is one of the principal Morgan connections in Wall Street—the very bank accused by the SWOC of organizing Little Steel's anti-union campaign — the Guaranty Trust Co.

Guaranty Trust Co., engineered the original questionable transaction for Morgan in the Van Sweringen case, and is also the vehicle through which the Morgan partners conduct most of their operations in copper mining.

Morgan's Move Against Labor So much for Morgan's plea of "innocence" in Little Steel's war on labor. The interests which dominate Little Steel are the allies and partners in industry after industry, in corporation after corporation with the House of Morgan.

Labor is organizing but business is organized. Little Steel is not putting on a wildcat show. It is the vehicle Wall Street is attempting to use to stop the labor movement. And Wall Street, as usual, means the House of Morgan.

New Orange County Machinists' Lodge

SANTA ANA, Orange County—A new International Association of Machinists lodge was instituted here recently by Charles E. Edmonds, business agent of Machinists Lodge 1235. More than 100 machinists of Santa Ana, Anaheim and Orange attended, and 35 signed the charter application roll.

FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL ACTS BY PEDRO COPS

Cooperation in Fight Asked by Maritime District Council

SAN PEDRO—Southern California District Council No. 4, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, went unanimously on record at its meeting of June 11, for the following resolution:

"That this meeting of Southern California District Council No. 4 go on record as protesting the brutal and terroristic action instituted by police against members of labor organizations in this area, and that we urgently request the cooperation of all organizations in our action, and that all merchants of San Pedro and vicinity be requested to cooperate in the action taken by this council, and unless such cooperation is forthcoming, members of all organizations be instructed by their respective organizations to trade elsewhere until such time as it is considered safe for innocent union men to go about San Pedro without fear of arrest and discrimination by so-called public servants, and that this motion be given the widest possible publicity."

C. V. Leiden, acting secretary of District Council No. 4, stated: "We urgently request the cooperation of all in this fight to maintain the democratic rights and constitutional privileges of American workers."

In recent weeks the San Pedro police have been arresting union members without the slightest provocation. (See statement by Communist Party of San Pedro, on Page 5, Column 8.)

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Union Cites PG&E Under Wagner Act

SAN JOSE—The Pacific Gas & Electric Co. has violated the Wagner Labor Relations Act, charged Local No. 1400, United Electrical & Radio Workers Union, CIO affiliate, in filing formal complaint with the San Francisco office of the National Labor Relations Board.

The PG&E is fostering a company union and has refused to recognize or negotiate with the CIO union chosen by the workers, charged the complaint.

Lineman Chester J. Adams is secretary of the San Jose local; Thomas Hazard, lineman, president; and H. D. Coy, vice-president.

PG&E workers are organized about 75 per cent strong throughout the entire system, reported Adams, and in Oakland and San Francisco almost 95 per cent are organized into the CIO union.

The Case Against James H. Quinn

By NAT YANISH

OAKLAND—When the final returns of the spring elections in Oakland disclosed that the Kelly machine councilmen had been returned to office, James H. Quinn, editor of the East Bay Labor Journal and one of Kelly's puppets in the Council, took a hitch of his pants and set himself a task.

The elections coincided with the newest stand of strikebreaking and union-splitting adopted by William Green and the American Federation of Labor executive board, and thus fitted nicely into Quinn's plan—vicious red-baiting.

Quinn Aims for Reaction By this red-baiting Quinn hoped to achieve two things: (1) To cover and confuse the chief issue before labor today, which is organizing the unorganized as undertaken by the CIO, as opposed to Green's policy of stifling the labor movement by establishing a bureaucracy among the minority of already organized skilled craftsmen; (2) To retaliate for the "hot spot" upon which he (Quinn) was placed by the Communists during the election campaign.

For example: The Western Worker revealed that Editor Quinn was associated with the anti-union "League to Prevent Violence," through his underling, W. C. Stevens. This League, drawing upon funds solicited during the San Francisco General Strike in 1934 in order to break it, was combating the campaign to repeal the anti-picketing ordinance.

W. W. Put Quinn on Spot Again, the Western Worker asked Mr. Quinn some pertinent questions concerning his position and his attitude toward the Non-Partisan Federation of Labor. This platform, emanated as it was by the Kelly lieutenants in labor circles (Spoonster, Reil, Silverthorn, Tyrrell, etc.), still was opposed to the best interests of Kelly. Puppets Quinn's embarrassment at the questions posed to him by the "Western" is therefore quite obvious.

There began a period of red-baiting by Quinn that turned the hardy stomachs of many East Bay laborites. John Wolters, president of Typo Union Local 76, in an address delivered from the platform upon which Homer Martin a few moments later was to decry police-fascism in Alameda County, expressed the sentiments of every honest trade unionist when he very forcefully condemned Quinn's Hearst policies.

The Faustino Ortiz case was paramount in labor interest at the time. Ortiz, a Camery Workers Union picket, was kidnapped off a Hayward street, brought to the new County Courthouse jail in Oakland where Deputy Ed-right and another deputy, un-

These Women Have What it Takes



THOUGH CHOKING with tear gas, these women pickets and helpers at the strike relief kitchen in Monroe, Mich., steel strike dare the heavily-armed but cowardly vigilantes to meet them face to face on equal terms.

CONTRA COSTA OIL UNIONS ELECT PROGRESSIVE HEADS

Virtual Clean Sweep Martinez Local Re-Elects Sullivan And Edwards

RODEO, Contra Costa County—Progressives made virtually a clean sweep of the elections in Local 326, Oil Workers' Union. Lloyd Cooper is the new president, replacing the outgoing "Cap" Malkos, who did not even run for re-election.

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George Kelly was elected first vice-president; J. D. Hildebrand, second vice-president. Lombardi and MacGregor were scheduled to run off for the third vice-presidency.

Patrick Lynch was elected guide, J. R. Harper, guard; J. D. Hildebrand, R. V. Lytton and J. N. Wilson, trustees; Hildebrand, Wilson, Lytton and Sullivan, Central Labor Council delegates, and C. R. Langford, Sullivan and Wilson, District Council Delegates.

agony, until a police ambulance finally came at 8:10. Due chiefly to loss of blood, he died the following day.

S. P. Blamed The Southern Pacific Railway was blamed by railroad workers for the death of Allsman, who was widely known as a progressive union leader, due to the S. P. policy on accidents, which is, in effect: "Don't call an ambulance other than the company ambulance."

If Allsman had received immediate medical attention, it is believed, he would have survived.

Blame SP in Union Leader's Death

SAN FRANCISCO—Dan Allsman, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen here, died last Friday, June 18, as a direct result of lack of medical attention following an accident in which both his legs were cut off.

While waiting for a train to pass at 7th and Berry streets, on June 17, Allsman did not hear a locomotive coming up behind him and was run over, both his legs being severed. This happened at 7:30 p. m., and Allsman was forced to lie there, suffering

named, from Sheriff Driver's office heartlessly beat him. The deputies concealed the whereabouts of their victim by rushing him first to the jail at Livermore where they held him for one day, and then to the jail in Pleasanton where they held him another day. The cuts and bruises on the back, arms and family for 72 hours, the "legal" time permitted the law to hold a citizen without preferring charges against him.

Quinn Remained Silent While East Bay labor seethed with indignation at this fascist treatment of a representative of labor, powerful organizations like the I.L.A., CIO, Cannery Workers Union, Machinists Union, I.L.D., People's Legislative Conference, Workers Alliance and Communist Party joining in a united front protest to the Board of Supervisors. Quinn saw fit not to allocate so much as a column inch to the case.

Editor Quinn had no space for the Ortiz case, for his columns were filled with red-baiting attacks on those forces which were fighting for a united labor; red-baiting attacks upon the CIO,

California's Workers Are Strong For CIO

L. A. MILKERS SCORE GAINS THROUGH CIO

'Hours Down and Pay Up' Won by Dairy Workers Union

LOS ANGELES—"The highest paid agricultural workers in the world."

That is what the milkers of the Los Angeles territory proudly call themselves. Their CIO Dairy Workers Union has helped them better their former miserable wages and working conditions.

These workers used to toil seven days a week on about a 12-hour day basis. Before the coming of the Committee for Industrial Organization union, single men were getting \$65 a month while married men were getting around a \$100 a month.

Now 1100 men are benefiting from their organization. The union has raised the single man's wages to \$90 a month and the married man's pay about \$125 a month. The men work six days a week with an eight hour day. And they have a closed shop. The CIO has lowered the monthly number of hours by 30 and it has gotten wage increases of 30 per cent.

At present the milkers have six locals. The union is growing fast. Organizers have already been sent to Kern County and will make their headquarters at Bakersfield.

Even the sheriff at Riverside, who has threatened to throw all the men who join the union in jail, will not stop the union's progress.

Thus far the industrial dairy workers have achieved agreements with 12 creameries, six ice cream companies, and one cheese company.

Watson Rapped by C. Costa Labor

RICHMOND—The Contra Costa County Central Labor Council has voted to endorse donations of funds to the Cannery Workers Union, affiliate of the Committee for Industrial Organization, thus slapping the strike-breaking activities of Roland Watson, AFL representative, who has chartered a company union in the Felice & Perelli Cannery here.

Watson gave an AFL federal charter to the company union on June 3, at a meeting held in the Richmond Club under auspices of the "Local Committee, Cannery, Employees' Association."

This company outfit sent out postcards stating: "If you have no means of transportation, phone Mrs. Mitchell."

This Mrs. Mitchell is a forelady at Felice & Perelli! And the cannery furnished free transportation to the company union meeting!

Woodworkers' CIO Vote Obstructed

SEATTLE, Wash.—Officials of three district councils, Federation of Woodworkers, are trying to block a democratic vote on affiliation with the Committee of Industrial Organization, charged Harold Pritchett, federation president.

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However, balloting for CIO affiliation is being conducted by the Columbia River, Grays and Willapa Harbor, British Columbia, Coos Bay, Klamath Falls, Minnesota and Plywood Workers' district councils. Sentiment of the rank-and-file is overwhelmingly for CIO.

All CIO ballots are to be in by July 10, and will be counted July 11 in the presence of all district council officers.

RAP LIBEL OF BRIDGES AND LEWIS

NEW YORK—Red-baiting writings and radio comments of Boake Carter against John L. Lewis and Harry Bridges are "viciously libelous statements," declared Mervyn Rathborne, president of the American Radio Telegraphists Assn.

In a letter to President James Carey, of United Electrical & Radio Workers of America, which CIO union has a contract with Philco Radio Corp., sponsors of Carter's broadcasts, Rathborne asked cooperation in curbing "the recklessness with which Mr. Carter hurls words."

Possibility of a boycott against Hearst's New York Daily Mirror, which prints Carter's column, and Philco was discussed in the letter.

ANTI-LABOR USE OF MAIL IS NOT NEW

Steel Heads Try to Repeat Frame-up of Debs

By J. E. SNYDER Mail pouch history is repeating itself, and in the same vicinity—Chicago, Illinois.

Eugene W. Debs went to Woodstock jail because the American Railway Union officials, led by Debs, 1890 to 1894, were accused of violating Grover Cleveland's injunction against interference with the United States mail.

The Pullman and railroad companies proceeded to make every passenger car a mail car, once they got the injunction across. Incidentally, they also burned a lot of old condemned cars to cast reflection on Debs and his group. The masses must be prejudiced! Frame-ups will repeat!

Now the steel plants in Chicago want an injunction to restrain the CIO strikers from stopping parcel post mail from being taken into the plants, designed as food for the thugs inside.

Anybody knows that the company would use food boxes to smuggle in arms and ammunition, just as they have done in the past, just as the allied invaders of Russia did in 1919-20 when they used Red Cross boxes to ship their war materials to Wrangel and others; as right now the same thing is being done in Spain by Germany and Italy.

Jim Farley, postmaster general, is on the pan—will the Democratic Party repeat its historical betrayal of the workers as it did in 1890 to 1894?

It might be interesting to know that when Debs came out of Woodstock jail that hundreds of thousands of men met him, and on the shoulders of his fellow workers, he was carried through the streets of Chicago.

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STATE MOVING FAST TO CIO ORGANIZATION

45,000 Members Now In So. California CIO Unions

SAN FRANCISCO—"Is this a CIO union? If it is, I want to join, but I don't want to sign up with anything that belongs to the AFL."

Remarks like this are made daily in the office of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee here, according to William Dalrymple, field director.

15,000 SWOC Members California is moving rapidly toward CIO organization, says Dalrymple, especially in the Los Angeles sector, with Oakland also one of the progressive centers.

"Since we started our steel drive in California, we have taken in nearly 15,000 SWOC members and are still going strong," he says.

AFL Uses Scabbing Methods "AFL organizers, in retaliation, are resorting to methods that would make a scab blush with shame. They are approaching superintendents both in San Francisco and Los Angeles, telling them that if they don't hurry and line up with the AFL that 'CIO Communist outfit' will come along and force them to sign a contract."

In the last five months more than 45,000 members have enrolled in CIO unions in Southern California, reported Dalrymple.

Labor Board Hears Miners' Charges

NEVADA CITY—After two delays, the National Labor Relations Board opened hearings in Veterans Memorial Hall at Grass Valley on Monday, June 21, covering the gold mining industry in California for the first time.

The hearing is based on charges filed by Twin Cities Miners' Union Local 283, Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, against the Idaho-Maryland Mining Corp.

It is charged that some 90 miners were locked out at the Old Brunswick Mine property for union membership and union activity. This property was about 97 per cent organized at the time.

Evidence of a blacklist by mine operators is shown by the fact that many of these workers haven't been able to find jobs in the district since the lockout.

The mining companies here have had no bona-fide labor unions to deal with for about 20 years. As a result, wages and working conditions had become almost intolerable. The speed-up has been particularly marked since the new gold price went into effect. Number of holes drilled and muck handled, had doubled in a few years, with only a slight increase in wage rates.

Speed-up and Silicosis This speed-up is the same in any other industry as to the employer interest in workers' health when huge profits are to be made, but miners are particularly subjected to the dreaded disease of silicosis. Couple speed-up with foul and dust-infected air, and an immediate rise in silicosis is soon noticeable.

The U. S. government has time and again pointed out the measures to keep this slow-death disease down to a minimum, but as usual such measures of safety are ignored when they cut into the costs of operation. If the workers do not have strong independent organizations to enforce such measures, state inspection by itself soon becomes very lax in applying such measures, for various reasons besides the one advanced here.

Miners Demand Justice Responding to the need of unionism, the miners finally sent for organizers the first of the year. Organized March 1 in this district, they have since been subject to all the weapons of the employing class to prevent such organization. These weapons failing up to now in driving the CIO union out, the miners are looking courageously forward to justice being rendered when the results are known and decisions made.

A press release has been decided on by Local 283, from day to day, to keep all working and liberal newspapers informed of the high lights of the evidence.